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THE
DWELLINGS OF BOXFORD,

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INTRODUCTION.

Many of the facts contained in this volume were obtained when material for the History of Boxford was being gathered from 1876 to 1880. Together with additional information gleaned from old people and records during the three years next succeeding, they were published in an order similar to the present in the *Georgetown Advocate* in 1883 and 1884. The sketches were extensively read by old residents and natives, who corrected errors and furnished much additional information. At the request of the late Dr. Henry Wheatland, president of the Essex Institute, the sketches have been revised and greatly enlarged, and are now published by the Institute.

SIDNEY PERLEY.

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THE DWELLINGS OF BOXFORD.

THE following pages contain sketches of the history of the houses of Boxford, both of those now standing and of those known only in history. Concerning a number of old cellars to be found in the town little or nothing is known. The writer has gathered much information relative to the homes of Boxford and places it in this form that their history may not pass into oblivion.

1.

ROBERT GOULD CELLAR.—Robert Gould, who is said to have come from New Jersey and to have been born about 1795, built, about 1846, a small house in the woods about half a mile east of the residence of the late Isaac Hale. After living there about a year, his house was destroyed by fire, and he disappeared from the neighborhood.

2.

JOSEPH HOLDEN CELLAR.—The old Holden cellar, so called, in the Ridges, was covered by a dwelling a hundred years ago. Joseph Holden was living there in 1791. He was a brother of James Holden, who lived at No. 204, near the residence of Mr. James A. Elliott. The old house was set on fire and burned down about eighty-five years ago.

3.

RESIDENCE OF L. S. HOWE.—The residence of Mr. Leverett Saltonstall Howe was built by himself, on land bought of Isaac Hale, in 1849. Mr. Howe was from Linebrook Parish, Ipswich.

4.

RESIDENCE OF E. HOWE.—Mr. Edward Howe erected his house in 1844, on land bought of Isaac Hale. Mr. Howe is a brother of Mr. L. S. Howe (No. 3) and was also from Linebrook Parish. He married, for his first wife, Mary Ann, daughter of the late Gen. Solomon Lowe, in 1841, and at first resided in the house now owned and occupied by his brother, Mr. William A. Howe, at the village, opposite the post office (No. 104). Mrs. Howe died in 1842, and he exchanged houses with his brother William who then owned and occupied the present home of Mr. Daniel Bixby (No. 10). Upon his second marriage, in 1844, he erected his present residence and has since lived in it.

Mr. Howe began shoe-manufacturing in No. 104 at the village in 1838 and built the factory at his present residence in 1845. His son William Wallace Howe became a partner with him in 1876, and the firm name since that time has been "E. Howe & Son."

Prof. James Hamilton Howe, dean of the department of music in De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., is a son of Mr. Edward Howe, and was born in this house in 1856.

5.

RESIDENCE OF W. W. HOWE.—Isaac Hale built his shoe factory in 1859, and manufactured shoes for several years. In 1887, the building was purchased of John Hale, who then owned it, by Mr. William W. Howe (so

of Mr. Edward Howe of No. 4), who remodelled it into a very pleasant home. Since it was finished in 1888 he has resided in it.

6.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. MARGARET HALE.—The land on which the house of Mrs. Isaac Hale now stands, for a considerable distance around, was two hundred years ago in the possession of Thomas Perley. He was a son of Allan and Susanna (Bokenson) Perley, the emigrant ancestors of the Perley family in America, was born in what is now Topsfield in 1641, and lived first in Rowley. Purchasing a large tract of land in Boxford of Richard Dole of Newbury, he built a house on the site now occupied by the residence of Mrs. Hale, about 1684, and afterward lived there. He died Sept. 24, 1709. He was an influential man, being one of the early representatives to the General Court and an incumbent of most of the town offices. He was the ancestor of the majority of the Perleys in America. His descendants have been prominently before the world, holding many offices of trust and honor, being teachers of morals, religion and science, practitioners of medicine, the law, etc. His wife was Lydia Peabody, daughter of Lieut. Francis Peabody, the holder of vast tracts of land in this section of New England.

Mr. Perley was succeeded on the homestead, by a devise in his will, by his son Thomas, who was born in 1668 and who resided with his father as long as the latter lived. He married, first, Sarah, daughter of Capt. John Osgood of Andover, in 1695. She died in 1724, and Lieutenant Perley, as he was then called, married, second, Elizabeth, widow of Joseph Putnam of Salem village and mother of Gen. Israel Putnam, in 1727. The general was at this time about eight years of age, and as his mother was his guardian it is probable that he spent several years of his

minority in his step-father's home at this place. Boxford was a place he liked to visit, even after he became famous. Mr. Perley was a farmer of large means, a store-keeper and a public man. In the militia company of the town he became a captain, and in his public duties he represented the town in the halls of legislation in 1700, 1702,



RESIDENCE OF MRS. MARGARET HALE.

1703, 1707, 1709, 1718 and 1719. He died in 1745, at the age of seventy-seven, having been the father of eleven children. Among his descendants was Dr. William Putnam Richardson. In his will he divided his farm between his sons Thomas and Asa. Thomas had that part now known as the Cleaveland farm, and Asa's portion included the homestead.

Asa Perley took up his residence in the house in which

he was born (in 1716) and had always lived, after his marriage, in 1738, with Susanna Low of Essex. He was afterward married to Mrs. Apphia Porter of Danvers and to Mrs. Ruth Kimball of Bradford. In 1760, or about that date, he took the old house down and erected the mansion now standing. After completing the house and caring for the surroundings he set out a sapling elm, which has grown to be one of the largest and most beautiful elms in the state. Here Asa lived while passing through his distinguished career. For ten years he was a selectman; in 1771, 1772, 1780 and 1781, he was representative from Boxford to the General Court, and in 1775 — that noted year in the history of the nation — he was a member of the Provincial Congress. The records of this Congress show that in it he held prominent positions, and private papers in the possession of his descendants indicate that he was privy to those secret discussions and manœuvres that characterized the opening months of the American Revolution. It is a fact worthy of mention that seven of his sons fought in that struggle for independence. Major Perley, so called from his position in the militia, died at his home in April, 1806, at the age of nearly ninety. His widow survived him but fourteen days, and within a fortnight their aged remains were both laid to rest in mother earth. Among the descendants of Major Asa Perley are Prof. John Perley of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and College, Rev. James E. Clark of Maine, Theodore Ingalls King, professor of music, Washington, D. C., and Hon. Dudley W. Adams, master of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

At Mr. Perley's death, the place came into the possession of his son Samuel. Samuel was born in 1757, married Phebe Dresser of Rowley in 1798, and from that time resided with his aged parents and carried on the farm.

Little more than a year passed after the death of his parents, when, one day early in June, 1807, he cut himself with a scythe while mowing. From the effects of this wound he died on the eighteenth of the same month at the age of forty-nine. His widow was left in rather straitened circumstances, with three young children to provide for,—their ages being seven, four and three years. She did her duty nobly. She cultivated the farm, carried her produce to market, carefully husbanded that which was left to her care, and reared her children to honest and noble manhood. Her first born, the Hon. Ira Perley, chief justice of the supreme court of New Hampshire, and the most distinguished of the American Perleys, here at his mother's knee learned his first lessons; here by the light of the hearth fire pored over his first school books; here in this home grew in love for honesty and in integrity, developing manly character. Her second child inherited a feeble constitution and died at the age of twenty-five. The youngest child was Dr. Daniel Perley, who practised medicine in Georgetown and Lynn, and was the author of "Perley's Grammar." The children are all dead, the last, the doctor, dying in Lynn in 1879 of paralysis. Mrs. Perley carried on the farm until 1833, when it was sold to Israel and Isaac Hale. She afterward lived with her son Daniel in Georgetown and Lynn, and died in the latter place in 1850. Her remains lie by the side of those of her husband in Boxford and her epitaph, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait," is very expressive as she was a widow nearly half a century and had reached the age of four score and seven.

In 1835, Israel Hale sold his interest in the farm to his partner and brother Isaac Hale. Isaac, then twenty-one years old, lived upon the place from that time, his mother keeping house for him. In 1837, he married and till his

death in October, 1875, resided there. His widow still lives upon the place.

Mr. Isaac Hale was born in the old Hale house (No. 9) in 1814, and was son of Joseph and Martha (Friend) Hale. He had but one child, which was still-born.

7.

OLD HALE CELLAR.—There was an old cellar about two rods southeast of the little Hale house (No. 8), which was filled up some sixty years ago. A very old house stood there.

8.

LITTLE HALE HOUSE.—This house was built by Mr. John Hale in 1823 for a store, but was never used for that purpose. It was first occupied by Abraham Howe. The builder lived in it from 1825 to 1830. Mr. Hale then lived in Mrs. Perley's house (No. 6), 1830–1832, and carried on her farm. His house, during this time, was occupied by Jonathan Chapman and John Perley. Mr. Hale then moved back to his house and lived there from 1832 to 1834, when he bought and removed to his last residence (No. 42). The house has since been occupied by John Fegan, William Bly, John Sawyer, Samuel Shepherd (who used it as a shoe manufactory about a year), John G. Bailey (who resided there over twenty years), William Gunnison, Jacob Kent, Oliver B. Fogg, Jules Hould and Frank Laporte. It is now in the possession of Mr. Lewis D. Hale of Haverhill, who inherited it from John Hale.

9.

OLD HALE HOUSE.—This house was built by Joseph Hale about the time of his marriage, which occurred in 1749. He was a son of Joseph and Mary (Hovey) Hale, and was born in Boxford Sept. 14, 1727. His wife was

Sarah Jackson of Topsfield. They had six children : Sarah, the oldest, married John Platts of Bradford, and settled in Hollis, N. H., in the beginning of the Revolution ; Mary married Levi Goodridge, who was living at the Daniel Gould place, and settled in Westminster, Vt. ; Joseph died at the age of two years ; Hannah married Caleb Jackson of Rowley, and was the grandmother of Daniel and Luther Jackson of that town ; Joseph (second child of that name) settled on the old place ; and Mehitable married John Merrill of Rowley in 1786.

Joseph Hale, jr., married Martha Friend in October, 1796, and settled on his father's homestead. All of his children were born there. Among them were John, born 1801, who lived in Nos. 6, 8 and 42 ; Joseph, born 1805, who lived there and in No. 14 ; Isaac, born 1814, who lived in No. 6 ; Martha, who married and resided in Rowley ; and Israel, who lived in Stowe, Vt. Mr. Hale died in 1818, and the house and buildings descended to his son Joseph as his share of the estate. Widow Hale lived with her son Isaac at No. 6 from 1835 for several years, and then remarried and settled in New Hampshire.

The son Joseph lived on the old place until his removal to No. 14 in 1837, when he sold to his brother Isaac, who owned it as long as he lived (till 1875) and then it came into the possession of his brother John, who died possessed of it in 1888. Mr. Lewis D. Hale of Haverhill now owns it, having inherited it from John Hale, who was his grandfather. It has been a tenement house since 1837.

10.

RESIDENCE OF D. BIXBY.—This house was erected by Mr. William A. Howe in 1841. He resided in it until 1843, when he sold it to his brother Mr. Edward Howe and removed to his present residence at the village (No.

104). Mr. Edward Howe sold the place in the same year to Mr. Daniel Bixby, who has since owned and occupied it. Mr. Bixby was a son of Daniel and Sarah (Towne) Bixby, and was born in Topsfield in 1815.

11.

RESIDENCE OF J. P. CLEAVELAND.—What is now the Cleaveland farm was originally included in the Hale place, as it is now called. Capt. Thomas Perley lived in No. 6 and at his death, in 1745, devised this portion of his farm to his son Thomas. This son was born in 1705 and married, in 1731, his step-sister, Eunice Putnam, sister to General Israel, and probably soon after built his house where James P. Cleaveland, Esq., resides. Mr. Perley died in 1795, aged ninety, having been a widower for eight years. He was a man of property, of prominence and influence. His oldest child, Huldah, married Joshua Cleaves of Beverly and removed to Bridgton, Me., when the town was first settled. Her daughter Huldah was the wife of Rev. Nathan Church, the first minister of Bridgton. Mr. Perley's next child, Rebecca, died, unmarried, in 1813, at the age of seventy-nine. She always lived in the east end of the house. His son Israel, being sent to New Brunswick by the governor of Massachusetts in 1761 on important business, settled at Maugerville, on the St. John river. He had a family of fourteen children, and among his descendants are Col. Charles Strange Perley of Buford, N. B., Hon. James Edwin Perley of Woodbridge, Cal., Hon. William Edward Perley of Blissville, N. B., and other distinguished men. His daughter Mary married Lieut. John Peabody of North Andover, and finally settled in Bridgton, Me. His son Oliver settled at Maugerville, N. B., in 1760, and his house is the oldest now standing in the town. The Hon. Moses Henry Perley of New Brunswick

was a grandson. His son Thomas lived in No. 24, and Enoch settled in Bridgton in the very earliest period of its history. He was a man of uncommon ability and prominence. Gen. John Perley of the Maine militia and Major Thomas Perley were his sons. Among his descendants are also Dr. Thomas F. Perley of Portland, Hon. Samuel Farnsworth Perley of Naples and Dr. George Putnam Perley. Aaron, the youngest son of Thomas Perley, resided upon the homestead.

Aaron Perley was married in 1786 to Mehitable Wood, who lived where the third-district schoolhouse now stands. He resided in the old house until 1818, when he moved it to where it now stands (see No. 12), and built on the original site the house now the residence of Mr. Cleaveland. Mr. Perley resided in his new house until his death which occurred in the winter of 1831-2. His wife died in 1853, at the age of ninety-one. Mr. Perley was wealthy, influential, and one of the two or three principal men in the town and parish. He had ten children; of whom Israel died in New Brunswick, leaving a son Augustus of New York city; John was for many years a shoe-dealer in Salem, where he died a few years since, for whom Perley Block was named, his residence having occupied the site; Enoch attended Exeter Phillips Academy in 1812, and died two years later; Rebecca died, unmarried, eight years ago at the homestead; Harriet married William N. Cleaveland, Esq., of Topsfield; and Thomas lived at home.

Capt. Thomas Perley carried on the farm after his father's death, until 1856, when he died at the age of fifty-eight, having never married.

His brother-in-law, Mr. Cleaveland, then moved to the place and there spent the remainder of his days. He died in 1872. His widow survived him about seven years, dying in 1879, at the age of seventy-five. Their son, Mr.

James Putnam Cleaveland, the present possessor, has resided on the place since his father's death.

12.

OLD AARON PERLEY HOUSE.—Aaron Perley moved this house to its present site from where the residence of James P. Cleaveland, Esq., stands, in 1818, when Mr. Perley built *that* house upon the old site. This house has always been owned in connection with the farm, and has been occupied by tenants, generally by those who have been employed upon the farm. See No. 11 for its earlier history. The chamber in this old house, that General Putnam used to occupy when he visited his sister, has been pointed out with much pride by an aged granddaughter of the builder, now deceased.

13.

RESIDENCE OF W. P. CLEAVELAND.—The residence of Mr. William Perley Cleaveland was built by Mr. John H. Potter of Topsfield for Mr. Cleaveland in 1858. Warwick Bodwell lived there two years, and Mr. Cleaveland boarded with him. Then the owner married and has since resided upon the place. He carried on the butchering business there more than a score of years. He was a son of Wm. N. Cleaveland, Esq., who resided in No. 11, and was born in Killingly, Conn.

14.

RESIDENCE OF T. P. KILLAM.—The old house that formerly occupied the site of Mr. T. Perley Killam's house was built by Nathaniel Perley about 1759. Mr. Perley was a son of Amos and Margaret (Cogswell) Perley and was born in 1735, it is supposed in the old house that once stood in the pasture owned by B. S. Barnes, Esq., situated near the Great Meadows. The house of which we are writing was 24 x 40 feet, with two large

rooms in front, and a large kitchen and two bedrooms in the rear. It was two stories in height, and had the old-fashioned, long, low back roof. The barn was quite large, 36 x 50. Here Mr. Perley reared his large family of nine children, and died in July, 1810, at the age of seventy-five. Here, in 1763, was born his son Nathaniel Perley, Esq., who was a gifted lawyer and a prominent member of the Kennebec bar in Maine. Here were born also his sons Amos, Jesse and Artemas Ward, the founders of three families. Lois, another child, married Benjamin Adams of Georgetown in 1798, and became the mother of Mrs. Col. Kimball and George W. Adams of Georgetown, and of the late Benjamin of Topsfield and Charles H. of Danvers, the deputy sheriff. Mehitable, another daughter of Mr. Perley, who died in 1835, left a legacy in her will toward building the present East Parish church.

Mr. Perley was known as "Cooper Nat," being a cooper by trade. His workshop stood over the old cellar in the same lot with the house and was built about 1760. Of this shop we will speak in No. 15.

After his death, Mr. Perley's son, Artemas Ward, resided upon the place until the buildings were burned to the ground in April, 1832. His son, the late Dea. Haskell Perley of Georgetown, has told the writer of several incidents of the house having caught fire. One, relating more particularly to himself, occurred before he was married, when he was at work for the season on a farm in Topsfield. He said he retired one night, but he could not sleep. A strong presentiment that something was wrong at home came over him. He tried to throw off the disagreeable feeling, but could not; and at length, just before midnight, he went to the stable, threw the saddle on one of the horses and seating himself upon it started toward home. When he came within sight of the house he saw a light in one of the front rooms and thought some-

thing must be wrong for the family to be up at that time of the night. He felt convinced that his presentiment was not an illusion. On riding up in front of the windows he saw the room on fire. Jumping from his horse he went to the back room where the pails were kept, caught up two of them, went to the well and filled them with water and entering the burning room threw the water upon the fire. By repeating the application several times he entirely put it out. Doors were not locked in those days, else the fire would have been more serious. The few coals left in the fireplace when the family retired doubtless fell against the wooden fireboard, after a while setting it on fire, and but for the providential appearance of young Haskell the house must have been burned and perhaps the inmates themselves might have found a tomb then and there. Without disturbing the family, Haskell put up his horse, went into the house and to bed. The next morning the family were surprised to find him at home, but were amazed when he related to them their narrow escape from death.

After the house was burned Artemas removed to Topsfield, where he resided, except a short time when he was at Hampstead, N. H., till his death which occurred in 1862. Joseph Hale bought the farm of Mr. Perley about 1839, and building a small house (No. 15), where the old cooper shop used to stand, lived in it until he had erected the present house and barn in 1841-2. Hale disposed of the place in 1862, since which time it has been occupied by Tobias Reed, George T. Savory, William Dow, George B. Merrill, Walter R. Arrington and the present owner, Mr. Thomas P. Killam.

15.

JOSEPH HALE CELLAR.—The little house that used to stand on the corner near the site of the old fourth-dis-

trict schoolhouse was the cooper shop built by Nathaniel Perley about 1760. After his death in 1810, it was used as a tenement until it was so far decayed as to be unfit for use. The building was low studded, contained two rooms, had one chimney, in the middle, and a cellar. In 1814, Jacob Lofty lived there. He died there the next year. John Woodman, the blacksmith (who as well as Mr. Lofty worked in the shop near by), lived there for about a year. This was about 1822. The building disappeared soon after. In 1840, Joseph Hale, who was born in No. 9 and who had purchased this farm of Artemas W. Perley, enlarged the cellar and erected over it a small house, about 12 x 16 feet. It contained but one room in front and a pantry and bedroom in the rear on the ground and was one story in height. Mr. Hale lived in this house about one year, until his new house, No. 14, was finished. After Mr. Hale's removal, the house was occupied by Jacob Knight, Hasket Bixby and George Smith. Mr. Smith was living there in 1844, when the house by some means caught on fire and was burned to the ground. The cellar has since remained uncovered.

16.

EZRA WILDES CELLAR.—The house in which the family of Ezra Wildes lived during his service in the army of the Revolution stood over the old cellar which is situated some twenty-five rods west of the residence of Capt. John Peabody. Zebulon Wildes, father of Ezra, owned the house lot and probably lived in this house in 1750. A part of the house was taken down about 1776, and the rest removed to No. 18, afterward forming part of the old house there. The cellar has been uncovered since that time. Ezra afterward lived for a short time in No. 36. He was a fiddler, and was commonly known as "Fiddler Wildes."

From him perhaps his descendants in Georgetown inherited their musical gifts.

17.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN PEABODY.—Capt. John Peabody's house was built by Charles Perley about 1830. Mr. Perley was born at No. 18 in 1794, and was son of Amos Perley. He resided in his new house until about 1834, when he sold out to Mr. Peabody. Mr. Perley moved to his birthplace, and there died of consumption in October, 1837. His wife joined him the following February. They left



RESIDENCE OF JOHN PEABODY.

two young children. Mr. Peabody was born in No. 68 in 1806; married Henrietta Baker of South Georgetown in 1831; and resided for three years in No. 18, where was born his son John Perley Peabody, the veteran dry and fancy goods dealer of Salem. Mr. Peabody has resided at this place fifty-six years.

18.

RESIDENCE OF HUMPHREY PERLEY.—A house was built on the same site as the present residence of Mr. Humphrey Perley, probably by Josiah Bridges, a blacksmith, as early as 1710 and perhaps earlier. He was son of Ed-

mund Bridges, the immigrant from England, and was born about 1650. He married, first, Elizabeth Norton, and second, Ruth Greenslip, in Ipswich, where he at first lived, removing to Boxford just before 1680. For £50 he sold his homestead, consisting of ten acres of land (the same now included in the homestead) and dwelling house, barn, shop, well, etc., to Cornelius Balch of Boxford in 1713, and removed to Wenham.

Mr. Balch was from Topsfield and was a cooper by trade. He died in Boxford in 1740, and his widow Mary and son Cornelius Balch, jr., conveyed the place to Jacob Easty of Topsfield, to which place they removed.

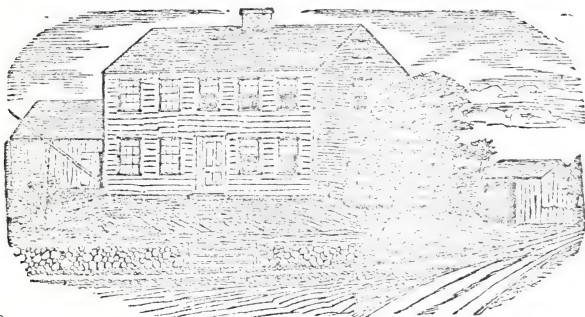
Mr. Easty was a husbandman and resided at this place until 1744, when he sold out to George Start of Topsfield for £87 10s.

Mr. Start was a tailor and probably lived there about six or eight years, when the place came into the possession of Capt. Francis Perley, who lived where Mr. De W. C. Mighill now resides (No. 74). Captain Perley's son Capt. William Perley, of Bunker Hill fame, was married March 26, 1761, and commenced housekeeping at this place. Here on Dec. 24 of the same year was born his son Rev. Humphrey Clark Perley, minister at Methuen and Beverly. When an old man, he often pointed this out as his birthplace.

By the will of Capt. Francis Perley, in 1765, this place came into the possession of his son Jacob. William moved to a house which he had just erected (No. 75), it being the present town almshouse. Jacob was born in 1751; married in 1775; became the owner of the house which stood over the Ezra Wildes cellar (No. 16); took down a part of the house; and, removing the remainder to the present site of this house, added it to it. It was thus made two stories in height, about thirty-two feet in length, with a

common pitch roof and fronting to the south. Jacob Perley removed to Reading in 1777, and thence to Byfield in 1779. Among his children, born in Byfield, were Hon. Jeremiah Perley, who married Mary Dummer, was a legal writer, and for many years a successful lawyer in Maine, and Putnam Perley, a deacon of the Byfield church. Jacob Perley died in 1832, at the age of eighty-one.

Mr. Perley sold this place March 28, 1786, for the sum of £220, to Amos Perley, jr., a son of Nathaniel Perley who lived in No. 14. Amos was the first born of nine children, and, marrying two years after the purchase of

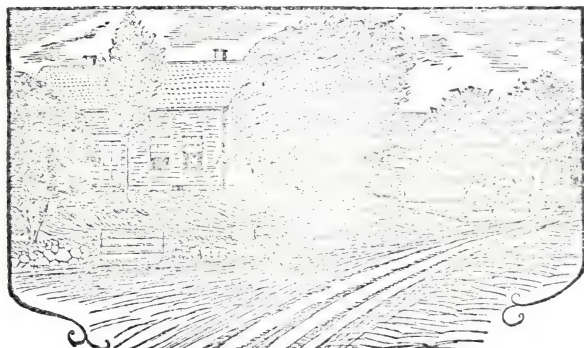


OLD AMOS PERLEY HOUSE.

this place, he settled upon it. Here his nine children were born, and here he resided until his death, which occurred Aug. 3, 1829, at the age of seventy. His widow (who was before his marriage to her the widow of Phineas Rundlett, who lived in No. 100, and whose maiden name was Kimball) married Capt. John Kimball of West Boxford three years after Mr. Perley's death, the place being afterward occupied by Capt. John Peabody till about 1834, and till 1838 by the family of Mr. Perley's son Charles. Of Mr. Perley's other children, Greenleaf died at Calcutta, when on an East India voyage; Nathaniel resided in Tops-

field and Danvers, and became a general in the state militia; Frederic was a grocer at Topsfield and a shoe manufacturer in Danvers, where he died very suddenly in 1879; and Amos Proctor, who was for many years a grocer at Danvers, of the firm of Perley & Currier.

The farm was sold Nov. 15, 1839, by the heirs of Amos Perley to Alpheus A. W. Lake of Charlestown. Mr. Lake let the house to his father Enos Lake, who died here, and to Daniel Boardman, Benjamin Symonds, Daniel



RESIDENCE OF HUMPHREY PERLEY.

Noyes, and an Indian family, who were addicted to the intemperate use of fire water.

Mr. Lake sold the place to John Perley of Ipswich, June 7, 1856, and by him it was deeded shortly after to the present owners. The old house was taken down in 1859, and the new one completed the following year.

The Perley Brothers began their carriage business there in November, 1873.

“It may be small and poor and lowly, yet
We love it always; memory may fill
Her chambers full, and time and care may chill
Our hearts, yet stands the dear old homestead set
In picture that we never can forget.” H. H.

19.

RESIDENCE OF ELBRIDGE PERLEY.—Mr. Elbridge Perley erected his house in the winter of 1889-90.

20.

RESIDENCE OF PROF. C. H. MOORE.—The summer residence of Charles Henry Moore, professor of art in Harvard College, was built by Samuel Goodale about 1830. Mr. Goodale was from New Hampshire. He married Nancy, sister of Daniel Boardman, now of Georgetown, but who lived for a while at No. 18. Mr. Goodale was a stone mason, and he worked at that trade and upon his land, residing in this house, until his death, which occurred in January, 1872, at the age of seventy-three. Mrs. Goodale died the November previous, at the age of sixty-five.

Mr. Goodale's executor sold the place, in the spring of 1873, to John T. Kennett of West Newbury. Mr. Kennett resided there until the spring of 1887, when he sold out to Professor Moore of Cambridge, who has remodelled and improved the house and since then has spent his summers there. Mr. Kennett removed to Georgetown, where he died the next year.

21.

PERLEY CELLAR NEAR GREAT MEADOWS.—It is believed by the writer that the old Perley house that once stood over the cellar situated in Mr. Barnes' pasture near the Great Meadows, was built and occupied by John Perley (son of Allan Perley, the emigrant), the first of the name born in America, who settled in Boxford as early as 1683. He died in 1729, at the age of ninety-three. His wife had preceded him to the grave eleven years before, and both their monumental stones are well preserved over their remains in Harmony Cemetery.

Mr. Perley was his own executor; consequently no rec-

ord of the settlement of his estate is found in the probate office. On Christmas day, 1728, he deeded this place including the buildings and fifty acres of land to his son Jeremiah Perley.

Jeremiah Perley probably conveyed it to his brother Lt. Thomas Perley, who, after having lived a while at Topsfield, removed to the old homestead about 1712. He died there in 1740, aged seventy-two.

His son Amos then came into the possession of the place and probably carried it on until his death in the spring of 1748. His widow married, secondly, Lt. Mark Howe of Ipswich and removed thither in 1759. From Amos was descended the late Hon. Nathan W. Hazen of Andover.

In 1833 the house was gone, and the land owned by Thomas Perley.

22.

HAZEN CELLAR.—There is an old cellar near the Great Meadows in the pasture owned by Mr. Chester Killam, known as the Hazen cellar. It is understood that Jacob Hazen, who came from Rowley and married Abigail Spofford in 1761, lived there. They had seven children born there, the last in 1774, and soon after, probably, they removed to Bridgton, Me. Their daughter Hannah, born in 1764, was the "witch" of Spofford's Hill, in Georgetown, a century ago. She married Thomas Dresser in 1791, and removed to Andover, Me. The late Hon. N. W. Hazen of Andover was a grandson of Mr. Hazen. Several of the sons settled in Bridgton, and have numerous descendants.

The old house has probably been gone three quarters of a century, as no one living remembers it.

23.

JEWETT CELLAR.—There was an old cellar near the residence of Mr. Chester Killam, in the southeast corner

of the field around the house. It has been filled up many years, and no signs of it now remain.

Thomas Jewett was born in Rowley in 1666, married Hannah Swan in 1692, and came to Boxford about 1703, having married a second wife Faith. He purchased the land, built the house and founded the home of which we are now writing. He died in 1731, at the age of sixty-five.

His son Ezekiel (born 1693) came into the possession of the place, and carried it on after his father's death. He had a family of thirteen children, and among them was Rev. David Jewett, the first minister of Candia, N. H., who was born at this place in 1743. Mr. Jewett died in the fall of 1775, and four years later his heirs sold to Dea. James Chute of Rowley, who was to come into possession upon the widow's death. Some of the children were then residing in New Hampshire. Deacon Chute was connected with the family, his wife's sister having married Rev. David Jewett, one of the heirs. The widow died probably in 1780, and in the next year Mr. Chute came from Rowley to Boxford to live. The inventory of Mr. Jewett's estate shows him possessed of the following articles of dress: One beeveret hat, a brown all wool coat, a fustian jacket, a pair leather breeches, a fustian coat, a linen jacket, an old blue serge coat, a blue jacket, an old brown coat, an old brown fly coat, an old blue great coat, a cotton and linen jacket, two pair of old linen trousers, two woolen shirts, three old linen shirts, a pair of blue yarn stockings, three pair of old brown stockings and a pair of old leggings, a pair of leather spatter lashes, etc. His real estate was valued at £278, and is described as follows: "The homestead and a wood lot parted from it by land of Jacob Hazen, containing in the whole about sixty-three acres lying in Boxford, also a piece of fresh meadow lying partly in

Boxford and partly in Rowley, containing about five acres, also about three acres salt marsh lying in Rowley."

Mr. Chute was born in Rowley in 1751; and married a daughter of Deacon Richard Thurston of Georgetown four days before the battle of Bunker Hill. Before 1810, he had removed to Byfield, where his wife died in 1819.

He then went west, and died at Madison, Ind., in 1825, at the age of seventy-four. The Rev. Ariel Parish Chute was his grandson. Mr. Chute's daughter Mary, who married Col. Jeremiah Colman of Newbury, and sons Daniel and James, were born here. Daniel, born in 1787, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1810. His daughter Elizabeth married Gov. Conrad Baker of Indiana. James, born in 1788, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1813, and was a Presbyterian minister at Fort Wayne, Indiana. His second wife was a widowed daughter of Rev. Samuel Crane, a missionary to the Tuscarora Indians.

On his removal to Byfield Deacon Chute sold the place to Thomas Perley, Esq., of Boxford, who took the old house down, and removed to his new house in the same lot. See No. 24.

24.

RESIDENCE OF CHESTER KILLAM. — Thomas Perley, Esq., purchased the farm of the late William E. Killam of Deacon Chute (see No. 23) about 1809. In December of that year he married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Wood, who was born in No. 34. In that, or the following year, he built the house now standing, and afterward resided in it. He was a brother of Aaron Perley, and was born in No. 12 in 1746.

Mr. Perley's barn stood originally about half way from the present barn to the house. It was struck by lightning and burned September 26, 1829. A long carriage house stood on the site of the present one, and was burned at

the same time. In it was a number of barrels of vinegar, which burst with the heat, making a noise as loud as a cannon. In the northwest chamber of the house, cheese was manufactured, and the heat was so great that the cheese melted. All the glass in the rear side of the house cracked into minute fragments.

He was the leading man in the town for many years. He gave \$1050 towards founding the First Church fund, and liberally subscribed to every good object, his income enabling him to gratify himself in that direction. He held all the various offices in the town, and was a representative to the General Court nineteen years, from 1792 to 1810 inclusive. He died childless in 1831, at the age of eighty-four. His widow continued to reside upon the place until her decease in 1854, at the age of eighty-nine. Mr. Perley is remembered as a man of short stature, and as always wearing his clothing in the continental style. After his decease his widow was commonly spoken of as the "widow Squire."

The farm was then occupied by a Mr. Knapp, who lived there a short time, and it was then sold by the heirs of Mr. Perley to Eben S. Baldwin, a mariner of Salem, Oct. 26, 1857. He resided upon the farm until June 2, 1862, when he sold out to George A. Todd of Rowley and removed to Salem, where he died. Mr. Todd's son, William G. Todd, then occupied the place until the spring of 1865, when it was purchased by the late William E. Killam, who resided there till his death in 1877. He held the offices of town treasurer, school committee, selectman, town clerk, etc., for several years. His son Mr. Chester Killam has since carried on the farm.

During the autumn of 1862, while the camp was located here, some Boston parties hired the buildings and kept a public house which was called "Hotel Lander."

25.

CLOUGH CELLAR.—In the alders near the guideboard at the junction of the roads leading from Georgetown to Salemand from Georgetown to Mr. B. S. Barnes' residence, a century and a half ago stood the house of Daniel Clough. He came from Topsfield in 1736, having married Ruth Wright there in 1734, and had three children, Elizabeth, Ruth and John. His wife Ruth evidently died here as in 1739 he was published to Elizabeth Galloway of Ipswich. How long this house has been gone is not known.

26.

M. BUTMAN CELLAR.—Matthew Butman married Faith, daughter of Thomas Jewett who lived in No. 24, in May, 1716, and he probably erected on land of her father a house over what is known as the old Butman cellar, about the time of his marriage. He was undoubtedly from Beverly. His wife died during the winter following their marriage, at the age of twenty-two, and thus early terminated their wedded bliss. Her remains repose in Harmony cemetery on the plain below her residence, and the monumental tablet over them is the oldest one now existing in the yard, appearing as fresh and perfect as those of recent date. Her epitaph is as follows:

“Under this turf you may behold
A lamb of God fit for ye fold.”

Mr. Butman married a second wife in 1720, and she became the mother of five children.

He was the constable in his parish in 1736, but how much longer the family remained there is not known. His son John was living on the place in 1791, and continued to live there until the old house was taken down in 1795, which was probably done by Thomas Dresser, who had bought it with the lot in April of that year.

27.

RESIDENCE OF T. B. MASURY.—Where Mr. Masury's house stands, the old Wallingford house, as it was known for many years before its demolition, once stood. It was built in 1711 by Thomas Hazen, who lived in the old Perkins' house (No. 30), and was not wholly finished Feb. 28, 1711-12, when he sold this lot of land to Timothy Perkins of Topsfield, who, in 1720, sold it to his son Nathaniel Perkins, who lived at No. 30.

This part of the original farm probably returned to the Hazen family from Mr. Perkins. Mr. Hazen's son John married Mary Bradstreet of Topsfield about 1711, and probably lived at this place till his removal to Lyme and ultimately to Norwich, Conn. His cousin Israel, son of his uncle Edward Hazen, probably also lived here. The place was undoubtedly kept in the possession of the family until 1784, March 10, when Moses Hazen, for £120, conveyed to Mary, the wife of Benjamin Wallingford, a part of the land with the westerly half of the house, a right to the well, and the easterly half of the barn which then stood on the opposite side of the road. Mrs. Wallingford was the mother of John Sawyer Blaisdell, better known in his time as Johnny Blaisdell. Her first husband was John Blaisdell of Chelmsford, who died "in the army of the Havannah" soon after Johnny's birth in 1757. When Johnny was two or three years old, with his mother he came to Newbury, her native place, and when about eighteen went with her to Byfield. While living in Byfield he married Jane Adams of Rowley Dec. 13, 1781, and the following extract from the Byfield church records proves the tradition that he lost his children :

"Two infant female children of John Blaisdell died one in March 1782 yt lived but a little while. The other died in April 1783, who lived about a fortnight."

The loss of these children and of his wife at about the same time, it is said, partially bereft him of his reason, and he was afterwards distinguished for his eccentricity, or what the Scotch would call "daftness." Johnny afterwards resided with his mother.

Mrs. Wallingford, a daughter of John Sawyer of Newbury, was quite handsome in her youth, being known as "fair Rosamond." Mr. Wallingford died in 1796, and the family were soon in destitute circumstances. The mother died in 1820 at the age of seventy-two, and Johnny continued to reside in the west part of the house alone, until his tragic end on Saturday evening, Jan. 7, 1832, when he fell into the fire-place, and his remains were found shortly after partially consumed.

The place, afterwards known as the "Wallingford," came into the possession of Major Paul Nelson about 1800, and continued to belong to him probably until his death in 1857, since which time it has been owned by Mr. Thomas B. Masury. In 1878 Mr. Masury demolished the old house and erected his present residence upon the same site.

The old house was two stories in height with the old fashioned lean-to, and the old well-sweep in front betokened the days of "auld lang syne." On the window ledge of the living room was the noon sun-mark, which was always in order and a good time-keeper *when the sun shone*.

During the years the house was possessed by Major Nelson, it was occupied by various tenants, Joseph Adams, a man named Darling and others. Miss Mary Ann Friend, daughter of John Friend, and afterwards wife of Prof. George Conant of Coshocton, Ohio, and Alexander, N. Y., was reared here, her parents having removed from Andover. She died at Alexander in 1883, at the age of fifty-three, being a person much loved, and admired for her literary tastes and productions. In 1847, Huldah Harriman, the

centenarian, could recall the names of one hundred families who had made this old house their home.

In 1736, when the throat distemper prevailed so fatally among children over a large extent of country, several died in this house. In 1776, the small-pox had come to the inmates, and several were sick with it.

One of the residents always expressed a wish that he might never live to see a road past the house, and in this desire he was gratified, for before the Salem thoroughfare was opened he had followed in the train of his predecessors and was no longer numbered with the living.

28.

ALBERT NELSON CELLAR. — Cornet Nelson moved a peat house from the meadows to a situation opposite the residence of Mr. T. B. Masury in 1857 and remodeled it into a dwelling. He left his family, who were living in Georgetown, and began a hermit's life in his new quarters. He added to the building from time to time, and continued to reside there until 1886, when he went to Rowley and took up his residence in a similar habitation near the marshes. The next year, he was found dead in his house there. In 1888, the house in Boxford came into the possession of Mr. Masury, who removed the buildings. Mr. Nelson was an eccentric man of considerable natural ability. Ex-mayor Richards of Haverhill is his grandson.

29.

HARDY CELLAR.—In 1865, after the close of the war of the Rebellion, Chandler B. Hardy built a small house on the southeast side of the road about half way from the residence of Mrs. Clara Tidds in Georgetown to Marden's railroad crossing, where the cellar can be seen. Mr. Hardy lived there till the autumn of 1868, when the house

was destroyed by fire, which was set out of enmity to Mr. Hardy, by a girl living in the family.

30.

PERKINS CELLAR.—Some fifty rods nearly north from the residence of Mr. Francis Marden, in a pleasant clearing, are an apple tree and the remains of a well, near which is a slight indentation in the ground which is all that now remains of the cellar over which stood the Perkins house. It was only one story in height, and was built (?) and occupied by Thomas Hazen, son of Edward Hazen, who was born in Rowley in 1657. He married Mary, daughter of Thomas Howlett, in 1684, and came to Boxford to live at this place immediately after. Feb. 28, 1711-12, he sold the farm to Timothy Perkins of Topsfield.

Mr. Hazen had a family of eleven children, all of whom lived to grow up, and most of them followed their parents to Norwich, Conn., about 1713. Mr. Hazen held quite an honorable position in the town, having served as town clerk one year, and as selectman seven years. His descendants are many and of a distinguished character. One of them is Rev. Hervey Crosby Hazen, lately a missionary to India, and now a clergyman in Spencer, N. Y. Others are Hon. Abraham D. Hazen, the late Third-assistant Postmaster-General, and Gen. William B. Hazen, who distinguished himself under Sherman in the war of the Rebellion, particularly by his brilliant capture of Fort McAllister, near Savannah, on the "March to the Sea." We could name many others, but space will permit only mention of the following: Rev. Austin Hazen, pastor in Hartford and Berlin, Vt.; Rev. Allen Hazen, for many years a missionary in India; Rev. Jasper Hazen, one of the oldest and most honored ministers of the Christian denomination; Rev. Henry A. Hazen, author of the History

of Billerica, Mass.; Rev. Timothy Allyn Hazen of Goshen, Conn.; and Rev. James King Hazen, Secretary of the Board of Publication of the Presbyterian church (South) at Richmond, Va.

Mr. Perkins conveyed the farm to his son Nathaniel Perkins in the spring of 1720. Nathaniel was born in Topsfield in 1689, and married Hephzibah, daughter of Edward Hazen (brother of Thomas, above named), in 1716, and took up his residence here. Mr. Hazen had lived here, we presume from the removal of his brother in 1712, and continued to do so. Dr. David Wood, besides being a widely known physician, was a justice of the peace, and, in 1736, he charged Nathaniel Perkins for writing "his father Hazen's will." Mr. Hazen died in 1748.

Nathaniel Perkins was a selectman in 1724 and 1745, and an ensign in the militia in 1734, was made a lieutenant in 1735, and a captain in 1742. He had nine children. He died in 1773, at the age of eighty-four. In his will he calls himself a "gentleman." His wife died before 1768.

Mr. Perkins' youngest son Jacob succeeded him upon the place, having married Mercy Fowler of Ipswich in 1759. He served eight months in the Cambridge campaign in 1776. Shortly after his return late in the autumn, the small-pox prevailed in the Wallingford house, and one morning when the wind blew fresh from the south-east, Mr. Perkins informed his family in a manner expressing great alarm, that he was assured the malady would reach them, for the smoke from the chimney of the Hazen house had been driving directly towards them. His fears were shortly fulfilled, and he was the first one to be made a victim. It is understood that his wife was away at the time of his sickness and a young girl had the care of him. One day she went out coasting down the slopes around

the place and failed to administer the medicines at the proper times. From this neglect, it has come down by tradition, Mr. Perkins died. He was buried on a knoll a few rods west of the house, and but a few small fragments of a gravestone remain to mark the spot. The inscription upon it was as follows:—

IN MEMORY OF
MR. JACOB PERKINS,
WHO DIED JANUARY
11, 1777, IN Ye 47th
YEAR OF HIS AGE.
Mortal man cast an eye,
Read your doom,
Prepare to die.

Trees have grown up over and around his grave, and it is so completely obliterated that the next generation will not know that any human remains find rest beneath the soil of the knoll, or that in this spot a happy family once had their hearthstone.

After Mr. Perkins' death this was used as a pest house, and it is a tradition that a beautiful daughter of Deacon Isaac Perley, who lived at the Marden place (No. 31), and also Thomas Wood, who lived where the Third-District schoolhouse now stands, were victims to the dread scourge in this house.

Mr. Perkins had no children. In his will, which was made two and a half years before his death, he gives all his property to his wife. His estate amounted to £3,597. His widow married, secondly, Col. David Hobart of Plymouth, N. H., in 1779. Colonel Hobart was a native of Groton, born in 1720, and settled in that part of Hollis, N. H., known as "One Pine Hill," about 1748; being afterwards one of the grantees and first settlers of Plymouth. He was a sergeant in the French war in 1755, and in 1777 was colonel of the Twelfth New Hampshire regiment under General Stark at the battle of Bennington,

where he greatly distinguished himself for his gallantry and good conduct, for which he received due commendation from General Stark, in his report of the battle. After the death of his first wife Col. Hobart removed to Haverhill, Mass., and lived there the rest of his days, dying in his seventy-ninth year. His widow Mercy died at the same place in 1811. They had but one child, Deborah, who married Nathaniel Hills, an apothecary in Haverhill.

31.

RESIDENCE OF F. MARDEN.—The old one-story house that formerly stood in the rear of the residence of Mr. Francis Marden was occupied a hundred and twenty years ago, tradition says, by Isaac Perley, who was known as "Deacon." He had a daughter of about twenty years of age, who was famed for her beauty. When the small-pox came into this neighborhood, and the Perkins house (No. 30) was opened as a pest house, several of those who deemed themselves in danger took up their residence in it willing to run the risk of living or dying, as the fates might determine. It was believed that the disease would prove harmless to persons in perfect health who properly met it when it showed its first symptoms, and they would have but the varioloid at the most. The deaths of numbers proved how uncertain this theory was. Mr. Perley's daughter was one of those who went there to escape a more dreadful form of the disease, but met it and died.

It is said that Mr. Perley very soon after removed to Boston, Me., being succeeded upon the farm by Benjamin Emerson before 1791. He was a stone-mason by trade, and a relative of the Topsfield family of that name, being known as "Brother" Emerson. He fell from a load of hay and broke his neck in August, 1823, when he was sixty-eight years old.

Shortly after the death of Mr. Emerson, his daughter



Betsey, into whose possession the place came, took down the old house, and built on the same site another small one-story house immediately afterward. She lived in it here until about 1860, when she moved the house to Georgetown, where an addition was made to it. It is the house on Main street now owned by Mr. James Sullivan.

The present "Davis" house, as it is called, standing only a few rods from the site of the old house, was built about 1800, presumably by Mr. Emerson. A Mr. Davis owned the farm many years ago. By the side of the "Davis" house stands the residence of Mr. Francis Marden, who came from Maine, married a daughter of Mr. Davis, and built the house in 1850. He now owns and cultivates the farm. In the Davis house resides Mr. Marden's son Alvin.

32.

JOSEPH KILLAM CELLAR.—The old Killam house, once standing east of Stevens' pond, was erected about 1730 by Jacob Perley, son of Jacob, who lived at No. 76. He was born in 1700, and married Sarah Morse of Newbury in 1729. He died in the summer of 1750, leaving a widow, Sarah, and several children: Isaac, who lived at No. 31; Jacob, who settled in Chester, N. H.; Benjamin, who lived on the old homestead; Sarah, who married Jacob Wyman of Bradford; and John who settled in Haverhill. The last-named Jacob Perley was grandfather of Rev. Joshua Perley Eaton of Bangor, Me.

Mr. Perley was succeeded on the place by his son Benjamin, who was born in 1735, and married, first, in 1759, Hannah Clarke of Boxford; and, second, in 1773, Ap-
phia Andrews of Danvers. In 1783, he sold out to Daniel Nurse, and removed to Topsfield, where he remained a few years and then settled in Dunbarton, N. H., where he was burned to death trying to extinguish the flames of his burning house, while the rest of the family were at

church. This was in 1816, when he was in his eighty-first year. He had twelve children, all but the youngest having been born in Boxford, and more than sixty-two grandchildren.

Mr. Nurse married Eunice Perley of Boxford in 1759, and removed to this house in 1783. He was probably from Danvers. In 1790 he removed to Rowley, where the family own a private cemetery on the road leading from Rowley to Ipswich. He was a private in Capt. William Perley's company of minute men, which marched to the battle of Lexington April 19, 1775, and was stationed two months in the following winter at Winter Hill.

Moody Perley, a son of Moses Perley who lived in No. 76, was living here in 1791. Two years later he married a Gould from Topsfield, and had one or two children born here. April 1, 1802, he sold the place to Joseph Killam, and removed to the Adams house (No. 95).

The place was then occupied by Mr. Killam until 1815, when he died at the age of thirty-eight. He was born in No. 147, in 1777, and was the father of the late Capt. John Killam and Capt. Hosea Killam, both of Georgetown, and grandfather of Ubert Killam, cashier of Merimac National Bank, Haverhill. The family resided upon the homestead until 1830, since which time no house has stood there.

33.

HOME OF HON. AARON WOOD.—On the site of the late residence of Charles C. Stevens an old house once stood. It was doubtless built before 1750. The Hon. Aaron Wood lived at this place from the time of his marriage until his death in 1791. The old house, in which he kept a country store in his early life, was burned, with part of the furniture, October 22, 1774. The following is a copy

of the account of the fire as it appeared in the *Essex Gazette* of the following week :—

“SALEM, October 25.

“Last Saturday the Dwelling House of Aaron Wood, Esq: of Boxford, was consumed by Fire, together with Part of his Household Furniture.”

Mr. Wood immediately built a new house upon the same site.

Mr. Wood married, for his first wife, Jane, the widow of Dr. Eliphalet Kilburn an early physician of Rowley. She was the grandmother of Hon. Charles Kilbourne Williams, governor of Vermont. She died in 1775, and her funeral was held on the day of the battle of Bunker Hill. The following obituary notice is copied from the contemporary *Essex Gazette*:

“On Thursday, June 15th, ultimo, died at Boxford, of an Apoplexy, in the 68th Year of her Age, Mrs. JANE WOOD, the virtuous consort of AARON WOOD, Esq: of that Town. In her were happily united the affectionate Wife, tender Parent, indulgent Mistress, sincere Friend, and, to crown all, exemplary Christian. --- Her Friends are left to mourn their own Loss, but they rejoice in the Reason there is to hope that she has exchanged a World of Misery and Trouble for a State of Happiness and Joy. --- Her Remains were interred on Saturday following with every Mark of Respect, and in a strict Conformity to the Method recommended by the Honorable Continental Congress.”

In 1776, Mr. Wood married Mrs. Lydia Barnard, daughter of Phineas Warren of Waltham, and widow of David Barnard of Watertown. In 1775, the British drove the General Court from Boston, and the following winter Mr. Wood and others of the Representatives boarded with Mrs. Barnard in Watertown. Mr. Wood fell in love with his hostess, and married and brought her to Boxford. She was a woman of strong mind and body, weighing over two hundred pounds. When the British retreated after the Battle of Lexington, they passed by her house. One

of the privates had stolen a horse, and was making his retreat in style. He said something to Mrs. Barnard that was not acceptable to her patriotic mind, and she pulled him from the horse and took him prisoner; and, it is said, this was the first prisoner taken during the Revolution.

On the day that Mr. Wood died, his tailor, Thomas Perley (see No. 24), was cutting him a suit of clothes preparatory to returning to the State legislature. Mr. Wood had just brought in a handful of wood, and had sat down in a chair, when he suddenly expired. The following obituary notice of Mr. Wood is copied from the *Salem Gazette*, published in the month of his decease:—

“BOXFORD, Jan. 24, 1791.

“*‘No man hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit. Yet, blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord: they rest from their labor, and their works follow them.’*

“THURSDAY the 20th instant, the Honorable AARON WOOD, Esq. in the 72d year of his age—being in his usual health and vigor, sitting in his chair, and his family round him—left this busy scene of life, and in an instant of time, without any apparent disorder, and scarcely a struggle, or a sigh, passed into the world of spirits; perhaps in as easy and sudden a manner as ever anyone did. In justice to his memory, it may be truly said, that through the whole of his life, he was exemplary for virtue, seriousness, piety and devotion; and a constant walker with God, in all his ordinances. He was a kind and tender husband; cheerful, sincere and agreeable to his friends; candid and forgiving to the envious. Integrity and ability graced all the important offices which he for many years held in the Town, County and State. In a word, he was plain and unaffected in his manners; steady and resolute in his conduct; humane, temperate, just and bountiful. He spent several years of the younger part of his life, as a faithful and instructive master, in teaching a public school; and altho God, in his all-wise Providence, withheld from him the blessing of sons and daughters, yet he was possessed of an uncommon parental affection, and regard for the education of the rising generation; which is very amply proved by his last will and testament, which bequeathed all his real estate to the support of a Grammar School, in the town of Boxford, forever—an example worthy of imitation. In his more public character, he was judicious, firm & persevering, in every public trust which he had the honor to

hold. The last 30 years of his life have been mostly employed as a Member of the General Court, in the most critical and trying periods, in the Senate, in the Council, and Conventions; all which important places he has held, and discharged the several duties thereof, with such firmness, wisdom and justice, as to approve himself to his Country to his Conscience, and to his GOD. In him, the Commonwealth have lost an able Statesman, a generous Patron, and a real Friend; his Wife, an endearing Husband; and the World, an honest Man.

“The just man’s ways are God’s delight,
He orders all his steps aright.”

It is supposed the epitaph upon Mr. Wood’s monumental tablet is the widow’s lamentation :

“Yet my fond hope would hear him speak again
Once more at least, one gentle word & then
Aaron aloud I call in vain I cry
Aaron aloud; for he must ne’er reply
In vain I mourn & drop these funeral tears
Death & the grave have neither eyes nor ears.”

She afterwards married Mr. Benjamin Spofford, and died in 1839 at the age of ninety-five.

The season after Mr. Wood’s death the farm was carried on by Jonas Warren, and a year later it was leased to different parties for one thousand years. The main portion of the farm was leased to Dea. Parker Spofford, who refitted the old mansion, as far as need be, into a fine country tavern. This was one of the stopping places of the famous stage-driver Pinkham, whose route was over the old Andover road. The first post-office that existed in the town was kept in this tavern until 1826, and the good old deacon carried the mail matter with him when he went to church, and distributed it to the respective owners. This tavern flourished till Mr. Spofford’s death in 1836.

Josiah Kimball soon after succeeded Mr. Spofford in the possession of the farm as well as the deaconship that his death had rendered vacant. Deacon Kimball removed to Lawrence in 1852, and thence to Boston, where he died

three or four years ago. His remains lie in Harmony Cemetery near his old home here, and his heirs have erected over them a fine marble monument.

The farm soon after came into the hands of Mr. Charles C. Stevens, and he resided there until he removed to South Framingham some six years since. The place was occupied by tenants a year or two and was accidentally (?) burnt in 1877. Mr. Israel Herrick then purchased the farm, but the cellar remains as the fire left it. Mr. Stevens made it a summer boarding house, its pleasant location and the proximity of a beautiful pond rendering it attractive to city people.

A part of this farm was a portion of old Camp Stanton, where several regiments of volunteer soldiers were quartered, and drilled in 1862. The muster was also held here in August, 1868. This plain is believed to have been used as a training field as early as 1775.

An incident occurred in 1827 which should be given in connection with this house. Flint Tyler, an old man, who then lived at the Adams house (No. 95), was one morning going home from Topsfield way, and when near the Savage house saw that *this* house was on fire. Mr. Barnes was then living at the Savage house, and Mr. Tyler leisurely got out of his wagon, went to the door, and knocked. Capt. John Peabody, who was there, came to the door, and being informed by Mr. Tyler of the cause of alarm, hastened to the wagon, got in, and hurried Mr. Tyler to follow his example and drive as fast as possible to the fire. But the beast was never known to hurry, nor be hurried, nor Mr. Tyler either. About half-way across the plain, Mr. Peabody jumped from the wagon, being exasperated at the slow jogging of the animal, and ran to the scene of danger. Mr. Spofford's family were at dinner. Mr. Peabody burst into the room where they were



eating, and hurriedly called for an axe stating that the house was on fire. The Deacon was perfectly bewildered, and throwing up his arms, shrieked: "Where! where!!" But one of the daughters was more composed, and, getting an axe, she showed Mr. Peabody to the garret, where by a few minutes of quick chopping he cut away the burning boards, and saved the house. As he cut away the last fragment of blazing board, he looked out of the aperture he had made, and saw Mr. Tyler just tying his horse to the garden fence. By prompt and decisive action the house and much other valuable property was saved. A storm had been brewing for several days, and a strong easterly wind carried the cinders from the chimney to the dry, parched roof, which immediately ignited. Mr. Peabody stopped to help Mr. Spofford fix the damaged portion, and immediately after this was done the rain began to fall, a long storm ensuing.

34.

THOMAS WOOD CELLAR.—Where the present Third-District schoolhouse now stands was an old cellar; and over this cellar a century ago stood an old-fashioned house, with the lean-to and huge chimney. It is said that around this house and its accompanying farm buildings were fruit trees and shrubbery of all kinds, which rendered the place very inviting. The first owner of this homestead known to the writer was Thomas Wood, brother to Hon. Aaron Wood. They were sons of John Wood, who was born in 1680, and who may have lived, and his children been born, at this place.

Thomas Wood married Margaret Perkins of Topsfield in 1757, and resided here as long as he lived. He died of the small-pox Feb. 13, 1777, aged forty-nine. He entered the pest house (No. 30) received inoculation and



died there. His widow continued to reside here a short time, then sold out to Stephen Peabody, who about 1795 moved the house to where it now stands, removed the lean-to and remodeled the chimney. It is now known as the "Butcher Peabody house" (No. 76). The widow Wood afterwards built a small house on the Chapman road beyond the pond, and resided there many years. She at length died in 1830, having attained the age of one hundred and one years and ten months. They had eight children. Their daughter Mehitable married Aaron Perley, and Jenny became the wife of Dr. James Buswell of Dunbarton, N. H.

Thomas Wood owned the land now included in the new portion of Harmony Cemetery, which he sold to a company of proprietors in 1766.

35.

CHAPMAN CELLAR. — Daniel Chapman of Linebrook Parish, Ipswich, married Hepzibah Howe in 1764, came to Boxford the same year, and built on the Chapman road the house that used to stand over what is now known as the old Chapman cellar. Mr. Chapman resided here until his death, which occurred in 1799, at the age of fifty-nine years. His son Daniel then lived upon the place till his death, in 1835. Johnson Savage was the last resident. He died here in 1846. The old house fell down about 1848. It was old-fashioned, with a lean-to, two stories in height, and contained on the first floor two front rooms, a backroom and pantry. Mr. Francis Savage, principal of the Amesbury high-school, was born here.

36.

PEGGY-WOOD CELLAR.—About 1780, Margaret, widow of Thomas Wood, who lived at No. 34, and who died in



1777, built on the west side of the Chapman road near the pond a small house, to which she removed when she sold the farm to Stephen Peabody. The house was 16x20 feet, one story in height and contained but one room. She lived there but a short time, and then the house was inhabited by Ezra Wildes (who had lived at No. 16), his family consisting of his wife and nine boys. The Peggy-Wood house, as it was called, has been gone more than half a century, and a maple tree nearly a foot in diameter now rises from the cellar and shades the whole cavity.

37.

SAVAGE HOUSE.—This house was probably built about 1773 by Amos Perley, who lived in the residence of B. S. Barnes, Esq., No. 39. A blacksmith's shop stood near the cemetery, in which, we should judge from the town records, John Stiles worked in 1774 and later, and in which bullets were run for the use of the soldiers during the Revolution.

About 1786, Mr. Perley sold the place, which consisted of a house and barn and forty acres of land, to Thomas Butman of Marblehead, whose son of the same name took up his residence in this house. Here were born several children to him and his wife Sarah.

Mr. Butman, senior, removed to Tyngsborough, Mass., and Dec. 18, 1793, for £180, sold the farm to Thomas Dresser of Boxford, who was born in the Dresser house, No. 66. He was a blacksmith, having learned the trade in his father's shop. He married Hannah Hazen, the "witch," and about 1800 removed to Andover, Maine.

The place was then owned by John Dorman of Boxford, who in 1813 sold out to Phineas Barnes. His son Mr. Phineas W. Barnes lived here a number of years, having removed from No. 39, and carried on the butchering busi-



ness. He removed to No. 100, where he continued his calling. The place was then owned for many years by William J. Savage, who sold out and left the town about 1877. The place was then let for a time, and at length purchased by Samuel Clark, who, after residing here a few years, sold out to B. S. Barnes, and removed to Georgetown, where he now resides. Mr. William P. Keyes bought and refitted the house, seven years ago, making it much more convenient and pleasant.

38.

AMOS STEVENS' HOUSE.—The late Amos Stevens built his residence in 1840. He died in 1877, at the age of sixty-four, and his widow has since resided upon the place. His epitaph :

“He put his trust in God.”

39.

RESIDENCE OF B. S. BARNES.—The residence of Benjamin S. Barnes, Esq., was built by Paul Prichard, a housewright, about 1749, when he came to Boxford and married Hannah, sister of Cooper Nat Perley. They resided in this house until the beginning of the Revolution, when they removed to New Ipswich, N. H. In Boxford Mr. Prichard held several offices of honor and trust, and was one of the substantial and influential citizens of his day. He contributed liberally of his means to support the war of the Revolution, and had two sons in actual service. In New Ipswich, he was a selectman three years and a representative of the General Court in 1779. He died in 1787, aged sixty-four years. Mrs. Prichard was a woman of uncommon energy of body and mind, and could accomplish the ordinary labor of three persons. She had made the subject of midwifery a study, and had considerable



practice in Boxford. In curing scrofula, salt rheum, liver complaint, etc., her fame was quite extensive. She also gained a successful practice in her adopted town. She was always ready to answer calls, and allowed no weather to detain her; and, though unusually corpulent, when the roads were blocked up with snow and others would quail at the undertaking, she would mount her snow-shoes and breast the storm over hill and dale. This she continued to do until very far advanced in life, to the great annoyance of the accredited physician. She was a widow



RESIDENCE OF B. S. BARNES.

twenty-three years, dying in 1810, at the age of eighty-one. Jeremiah Prichard, for many years the American Consul at Porto Rico, was their great grandson. Among their descendants was also Moses Prichard, of Concord, for many years sheriff of Middlesex county, Mass.

This place then came into the possession of Amos Perley, who removed to Buxton, Me., at the beginning of this century. It was then owned by Benjamin Spofford, who died in 1836, and Phineas Barnes who married his daughter moved to this place from No. 37. He resided



here until his death, in 1856, since which time his son B. S. Barnes has been in possession. Mr. Phineas Barnes, jr., resided here a short time, and continued his butchering business, until he removed to No. 37.

Mr. Phineas Barnes, senior, was born in Waltham in 1780, and died at the age of seventy-five. His epitaph:

“He has left this world, his toils are o’er,
In sweetest songs of praise adore,
Where parting friends shall meet again,
Free from all sorrow, grief and pain.”

Mrs. Barnes died in October, 1850, five years before her husband, at the age of sixty-four. Her epitaph:

“Mother, thou hast gone to rest,
We no more will weep for thee,
For thou art now among the blest;
Where thy spirit longed to be.”

On another stone in the same lot is the following inscription:

WILLIE
Was with us 5 yrs. 2 mo.
But is not
for God took him.

40.

BLACK CELLAR.—Near the residence of B. S. Barnes, Esq., on the side of the hill in his field, about half way from his house to Mrs. Killam’s, was an old cellar, of which most signs are now gone. Cooper Nat Perley, who was born in 1735 and died in 1810, said a Black family lived there, and that when he was young he “used to goup and see their girls.”

Later investigation has shed more light upon the history of this old place. James Black, whose wife Abigail died in 1720, he having married her about 1700, doubtless lived there from the latter date. He had sons, Edmund, James, John, Josiah and Daniel, and a daughter Abigail,



who married Timothy Sessions of Andover. The son Daniel was born in 1715, and married Sarah Symonds of Boxford in 1740. Daniel owned and lived on this place. He had several children, Sarah, Jane, Lydia, Hannah, Daniel, Daniel, Jacob and Samuel. Both himself and wife were members of the church, and as long as Rev. Mr. Rogers remained here their children were baptized in the First Church; after his departure the next two new members of the Black race were baptized in West Boxford, the next one in Linebrook Parish, and the last one, of whom we have any record, in West Boxford. It was these four girls that Nat Perley used to "go to see." In March, 1762, Mr. Black sold out to Jacob Perley of Boxford, and removed to Holden in Worcester County, where he settled. This was probably the Jacob Perley who removed to Chester, N. H., finally settling in Wilton, Me.

41.

JOHN HALE CELLAR.—An old house once stood in the pasture about fifty rods south of the residence of B. S. Barnes, Esq. Nothing is now known of it. A John Hale is supposed to have lived there in 1757, which a deed of that date seems to prove. He probably moved to the General Lowe homestead (No. 48) shortly after the above date. Mr. Hale was probably a son of John and Mary (Watson) Hale, and perhaps born at No. 7 in 1717.

42.

JOHN HALE HOUSE.—The farm owned and occupied by the late John Hale was in the possession of William Watson as early as 1687. Mr. Watson came from Ipswich, and probably lived in the old house that used to stand at this place.

He married, first, Sarah, daughter of Allan Perley, in



1670 and, second, Mary, widow of Thomas Hale of Newbury, in 1695. Mrs. Hale had come to Boxford with her son Joseph in 1691. Mr. Watson died June 27, 1710, and his widow at the age of eighty-five, Dec. 8, 1715. His daughter Mary had married his wife's son Joseph in 1693, and these children became possessors of the farm. By her and a second wife Joseph had fifteen children born here. He was the ancestor of all the Hales that ever resided in Boxford, and of thousands in this and other states. Among the descendants of Joseph Hale are Dr. Joseph Hale of Miller's Corners, Ontario Co., N. Y., Hon. Eugene Hale, M. C. from Maine, Hon. Artemas Hale, M. C. from Massachusetts, and many others that are distinguished. Mr. Hale was himself a member of the General Court, and was very prominent in the town as a selectman, a captain in the militia, and as town clerk for ten years. He died in 1761, lacking only seven days of completing his ninetieth year.

This place afterward came into the possession of Phineas Perley who was born in what is now the town almshouse in 1766. Mr. Perley died in Ipswich in 1832, by the bursting of a blood vessel while rowing a boat, and his family continued to reside upon the place a year or two after his decease. Dr. Joseph G. Perley, a veterinary surgeon, who recently died in Lynn, was his son; Dr. Albert Lambert of Springfield, and Rev. Alexander Sternson Twombly, Charlestown, are his grandsons.

In 1834, the place was purchased by Mr. John Hale (then living in No. 8), who resided upon it until his death in 1888, at the age of eighty-six. The place has since passed into the possession of Alvin C. Norcross of Boston, who now owns it. Two of Mr. Hale's sons gave up their lives in the service of their country during the late Rebellion. Mr. Hale, for a few years, manufactured shoes



here, and built a large factory building, which was transformed into a summer hotel by his son John in 1889. See No. 43.

43.

HOTEL PLACIDIA.—This summer resort was a portion of the John Hale farm, and the hotel building was the shoe factory mentioned in No. 42. The owner, Mr. John Hale, inherited this building and the land under and adjoining from his father, the late John Hale, in 1888. Mr. Hale fitted up the factory into the capacious three-story structure as it now exists. Situated on the shore of a beautiful lake, and near cool, shady groves, the resort is attractive. Mr. Hale resides in the hotel the year round.

44.

RESIDENCE OF W. M. ANDREWS.—Mr. William M. Andrews built his house in 1874, on land purchased of the late Amos Stevens.

45.

RESIDENCE OF A. H. TOWNE.—Mr. Albert H. Towne built his residence on land purchased of Mr. Eben N. Price of Salem, in 1888.

46.

RESIDENCE OF J. LEAVITT.—Mr. Joseph Leavitt of Boston moved to Boxford and built his present residence in 1888 upon land purchased of Mr. Leverett S. Howe.

47.

RAILROAD STATION.—The railroad station was built by the Danvers & Newburyport Railroad Company in 1853. It came into the possession of the Boston & Maine Railroad in 1859. The house portion of the depot has been

occupied by the several station agents, viz. : S. Page Lake, John Hale, jr., Samuel McKenzie, William J. Badger, Charles W. Gardner and Albert G. Hurlbutt. These gentlemen are all living, except Messrs. Lake and Badger.

In January, 1889, the East Boxford post-office was established, and located in the station, Mr. Hurlbutt being postmaster.

48.

GEN. LOWE CELLAR.—The General Solomon Lowe mansion was built about 1740 by John Hale, who was born in Boxford in 1717, being a son of Joseph and Mary (Watson) Hale. He married in 1738 Priscilla, who was a daughter of Stephen Peabody, and was born in 1719 in No. 68. Mr. Hale died in 1771, leaving a will, in which he devised the farm to his son Eliphalet, who was then but eight years of age. The next spring the widow's dower was set off. A part of this dower consisted of one-third part of the mill. Mr. Hale's children were six in number, three daughters and three sons. In 1774, his widow married Thomas Hammond of Swanzey, N. H.

It is probable that the young son, Eliphalet Hale, died before coming of age, and that his brother John, who was born in 1745, became possessed of the place. John married Sarah Lord of Ipswich in 1765, and resided here. A very short time after his marriage he went to the British Provinces, it is said, to escape some corporal punishment that he anticipated. This Miss Lord was doubtless a sister of Lucy Lord, the wife of Nathan Lowe, who, in 1767, came from Ipswich and hired this farm. Mrs. Hale may have resided with them as long as she lived.

Mr. Lowe had nine sons, all but the oldest having been born here. The eighth son was Solomon, who was famous as a military general. He was born April 9, 1782, and held the office of General from 1820 to 1840. He was a

member of the General Court in 1823, 1827, 1828 and 1841. He resided upon this place until about 1857, when he removed to West Newbury, where he died April 3, 1861, lacking six days of being eighty years old. The remains of General Lowe repose in his tomb in Harmony Cemetery. Upon the face of the tomb are illustrations of himself and his four wives engraved on marble tablets. The tomb has attracted many visitors. His spirited military funeral will long be remembered by those who were present.

The General's son, Major William Lowe, was born here and from 1857 lived upon the place. He died in 1870, from injuries caused by a bull which attacked him in his cowyard. His family continued to reside upon the homestead until the buildings were completely destroyed by fire early on the morning of June 21, 1874. The cellar remains uncovered.

The saw-mill was built about 1770, as it was called a new mill in 1772.

49.

N. LOWE CELLAR.—Between Mr. Eben N. Price's barn and the railroad station, stood a house a hundred and twenty years ago. When Nathan Lowe came to Boxford from Ipswich in 1767, he is said to have bought this place, which he lived upon. A short time afterward he removed to the Lowe house, No. 48.

Gen. Lowe's brother, Jeremiah, carried on the tanning business here near the brook.

In 1806, Mr. Lowe sold the tannery, adjoining land, etc., to his brother Solomon Lowe and Moses Dorman, for \$623.50.

50.

RESIDENCE OF J. H. JANES.—John Smith lived at the Janes place on the Janes road, probably from the time of

his marriage in 1733. He had six children, one of whom, John, settled on the St. John river in New Brunswick about 1770. The first-mentioned John married Hannah, daughter of Stephen Peabody, who resided in No. 68.

The place came into the possession of Nathaniel Perley, who lived in No. 14, and he gave it to his son Jesse Perley about 1789. Jesse immediately built a new house, the one now standing, which was raised on the first day of September, 1790. It was a severe task, for the timber was wet and heavy, there having been the week previous one of the greatest rains known for many years. Jesse lived here until his death, which occurred in 1840, at the age of eighty-four. His wife had died six years before, at the age of eighty-eight.

Mr. Henry Janes then purchased the place and lived upon it until 1886, when he died, being very aged. His son, Joseph H. Janes, who had for several years occupied a portion of the house, has since resided upon the place.

51.

RESIDENCE OF BENJAMIN HOOD.—The old Hood house is quite ancient. It is a long, one-story building, and appears to be at least one hundred and fifty years old. Benjamin Hood of Topsfield married Sarah Cross of Boxford in 1777, and probably lived in this house. Francis Hood lived here from about 1804, and here his children were born. His son Benjamin and daughter Sarah have resided upon the place all their lives. In 1874 they built a large, new house in front of the old house, the latter now being used for a woodshed.

52.

GUNNISON CELLAR.—The old Gunnison house was in the possession of the Smith family a century ago. Jacob



Smith lived there in 1791, and it was probably his daughter Hannah that William Gunnison married about 1820. Mr. Gunnison's children were born there, and the house was occupied by his family until 1880. It remained without a tenant during the remaining days of its existence. It was purchased in 1887 by Mr. Benjamin Hood, who took it down. A part of the chimney and the oven and fireplace still remain on the site, showing with what gigantic proportions those things were constructed in the early days.

It is said that a Perkins family lived there before the Smiths.

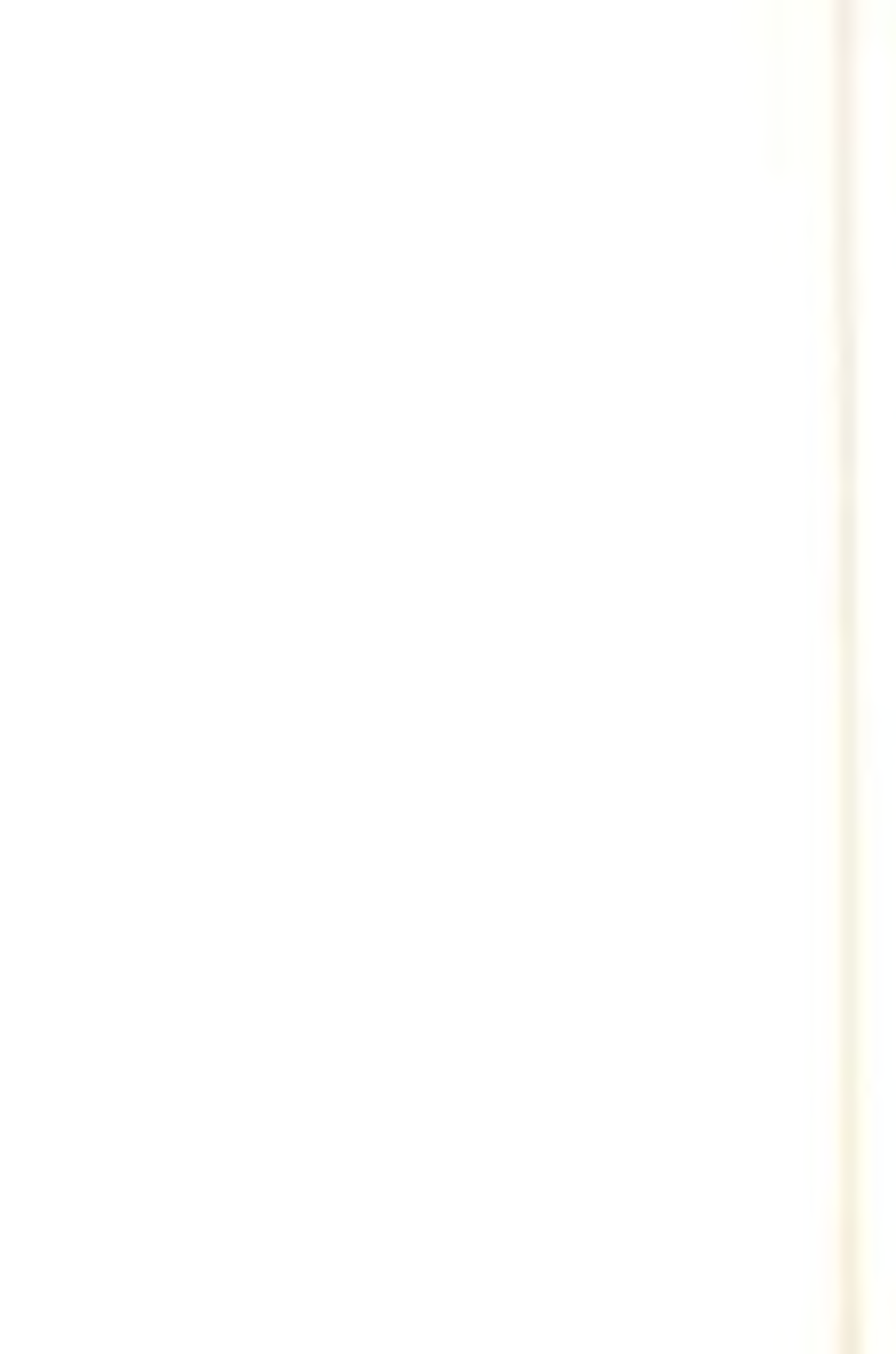
53.

SOLOMON PERLEY HOUSE.—The ancient house, once the residence of Mr. Parker Brown Perley, and in which he was born, has not been occupied since he erected his new house about 1870. Although but a few rods apart, the old house is situated in Boxford and the new one in Topsfield. Samuel Brown married Olive Gage in 1773, and resided in this old house. They had eleven children.

The youngest child Clarissa married Solomon Perley, grandson of Maj. Asa Perley of Boxford, in 1814, and settled on this place. They had but one child, Parker Brown, who is above mentioned. Solomon Perley died of old age in 1866. His widow survived him, and with her bachelor son, lived in the old house until 1870, and on the place until death released her April 11, 1881. "Aunt Clary," as she was generally called, was eighty-three years old.

54.

ANDREWS CELLAR.—There is a cellar some distance southwest of the old house of Mr. Parker B. Perley (No.



53). Nothing is as yet positively known of the house that stood here. The writer believes, however, that this was the place which Joseph Andrews of Salem (formerly of Boxford) deeded in 1710 to his sons Joseph and John, to Joseph the west part of the house and barn and to John the east part. Joseph Andrews, the father, was son of Robert and Grace Andrews of Boxford, and was born in 1657. He resided on this place, probably, until 1705, when he removed to Salem, where he afterward lived.

55.

JACKSON CELLAR.—On Jackson plain between the old and new location of the road leading from the railroad station to the First church is an old cellar. The site was occupied by a house one hundred and thirty years ago, in which dwelt, it is said, Jacob Dwinells.

In 1765, or before, Joshua Jackson of Rowley became possessed of the place. In that year, he married the young widow of Timothy Dorman, who was the grandmother of Moses Dorman, Sen., Esq. She was a daughter of Nathaniel Burnham, who may have lived on this place, and who removed to Bolton, where he was living in 1771. Mr. Jackson was born in Rowley July 1, 1733, as July 1, 1790, he writes, "I am fifty-seven years old to-day." John Stiles, the blacksmith at the Savage place, hired the house and lived here from Jan. 1, 1766, to March, 1768. David Foster then lived here a while, probably two years. Mr. Stiles hired it again April 17, 1770, and this time lived here five or more years. During the first portion of this last period Mrs. Lydia Simmons lived in the foreroom.

At a cost of £51 13s. 11d. Mr. Jackson built a new barn, raising it Nov. 25, 1766. The carpentry work was mostly done by Asa Stiles. In 1779, Mr. Jackson removed to the farm himself, and afterward resided upon



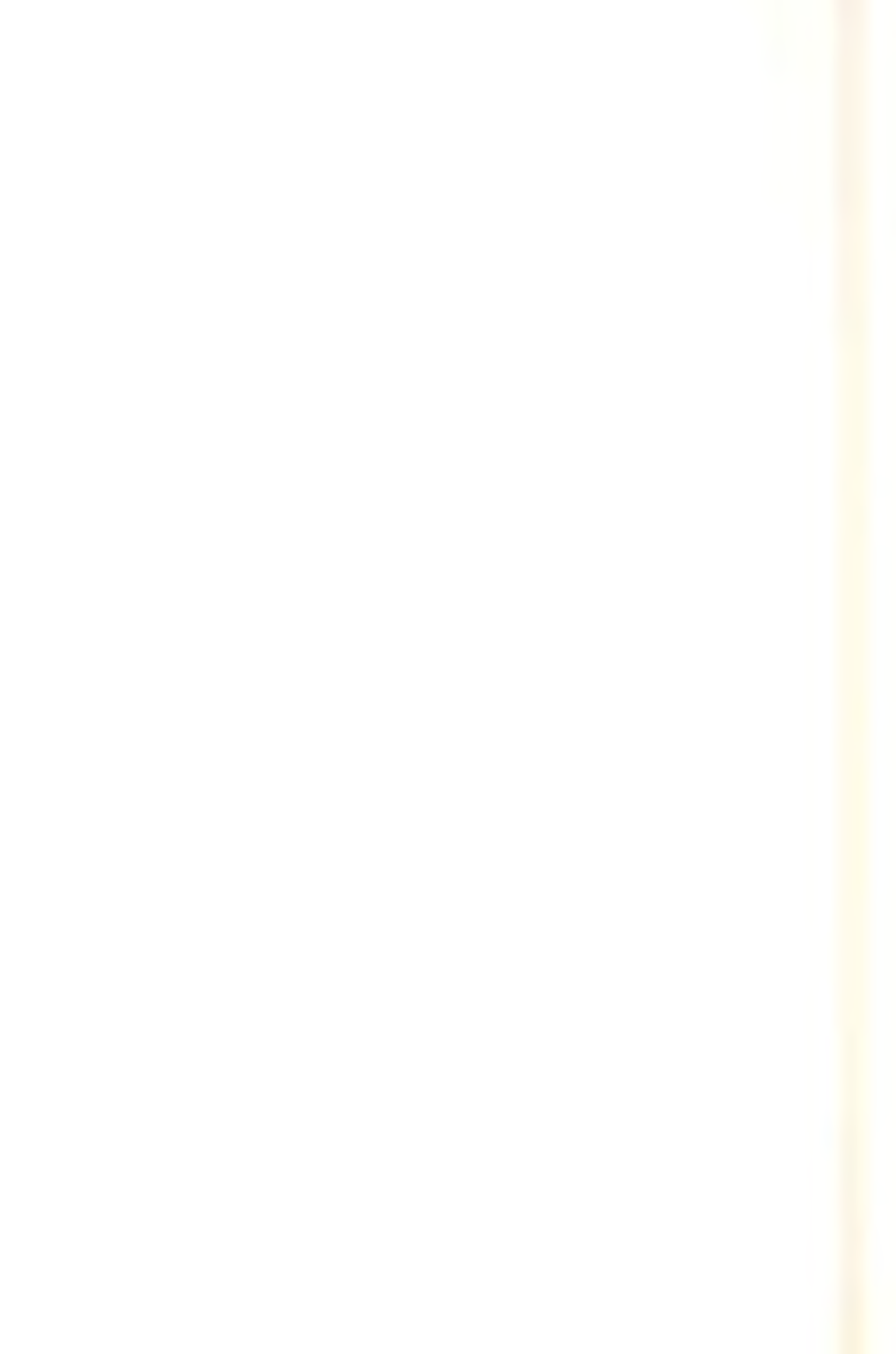
it, perhaps as long as he lived. He was here in 1797, and probably died about that time. Mr. Jackson was the ancestor of the Rooty-Plain, Rowley, Jacksons, and of those in Londonderry, N. H., and in the town of Winchendon in this state.

The old house was standing in 1814, but in a very dilapidated condition. At that time the house was occupied by Asa Andrews, whose death occurred that year, and his funeral was held here. An old gentleman, who was present at the funeral, says that the floor of one of the rooms had fallen in, and through the space he could see a hen sitting on her nest in the cellar below. That the people might see the remains, the coffin was carried across the old road and placed under a button-wood tree, which was many years afterward cut down and sawed into chopping blocks for shoe factories.

56.

HENRY PERLEY CELLAR.—The old Russ, or Henry Perley house was built, about 1754 by Joseph Matthews upon land of his father-in-law Ephraim Dorman, who lived at No. 57. Mr. Matthews had one child, Ephraim, with whom he marched in Capt. Gould's company to the battle of Lexington. Ephraim also served at Cape Ann, Roxbury, Winter Hill and Ticonderoga. During the period of the Revolution, Joseph Matthews was the grave-digger for that part of the town, having been appointed to that office by the parish. In 1795, Mrs. Matthews, who was still living in Boxford, in consideration of the support she had received of the town of Boxford "for the eight years past," conveyed to it her interest in the estate of her brother Elijah Dorman. She was then doubtless without means and a widow.

Henry Perley, son of Major Asa Perley (see No. 6),



married Eunice Hood of Topsfield in 1781, and after living in Andover five years purchased this estate and settled upon it. Mr. Perley had served through the whole war, and now settled down to a life of repose. His wife died in 1790, and he married, secondly, Mehitable Peabody in 1799, by whom he had one child, Leonard. Mr. Perley died there in 1838, aged eighty-five. His widow survived him six years. The late Major Samuel Perley, who lived at No. 173, was his son. His son Henry also lived upon the place until his death, in 1841. Subsequently, it was owned but not occupied by the family, various tenants making it their home. The more conspicuous of these were Major Moses Rea Russ and Otis Pickard. Mrs. Russ died there quite suddenly Oct. 29, 1868; and May 20, 1870, Major Russ fell from a scaffold in his barn and was instantly killed. His age was seventy-four. He lived at this place for more than twenty years, and was famous as a drummer. Mr. Pickard resided here for several years, and he, too, was a drummer. He first practised the art of hair-dressing here and still pursues that business in Georgetown, to which place he removed. The house was then empty for several years, it having become almost uninhabitable. The owner, Mr. Henry E. Perley of Georgetown, took it down in 1883.

57.

SAMUEL DORMAN CELLAR.—About half way between the cellar over which the Henry Perley house stood and the East Parish parsonage, on the same side of the road, is an old cellar. When that road was laid out in 1803, this was called "the old cellar."

Samuel Dorman, an aged bachelor, was the last occupant of the house that stood here. He was son of Ephraim and Martha Dorman, who lived across the road at No. 58.



Samuel was born in 1716, and died at this place a few years prior to 1800.

Samuel's brother Elijah, a wheelwright by trade, who died in Boxford in 1791 or 1792, without children, lived with Samuel at this place awhile. Elijah was born in 1714. After Samuel's decease the house immediately went to decay, being gone before 1800.

58.

EPHRAIM DORMAN CELLAR.—Across the road in front of the East Parish parsonage, in the field belonging to Mr. John Averill, was an old cellar. On this spot Ephraim Dorman settled in 1710: He was a cousin of Timothy Dorman, who lived at No. 119, and a son of Ephraim and Mary Dorman, and was born at Topsfield in 1677. By his wife Martha, he had six children. He died in 1724, leaving quite a large estate. No division of the property took place until 1741, when it was made by the widow and heirs. The six children were: Capt. Ephraim, who was one of the first settlers of Keene, N. H., and whose death occurred there in 1795, when he was eighty-five years old; Mary, who married Joseph Matthews and lived in No. 56; Elijah, who resided at this place and at No. 57; Samuel, who lived at No. 57; John, who fell a victim to the throat distemper of 1737, at the age of eighteen; and Sarah, who died two days after her brother John, at the age of thirteen. The house has probably been gone a century, and the cellar is filled up.

59.

EAST PARISH PARSONAGE.—The parsonage in the East Parish was built by subscription in 1870. It was occupied by Rev. Sereno D. Gammell from 1870 to 1880; by Rev. William P. Alcott from 1881 to 1883; and by Rev. Robert R. Kendall from 1884 to the present time (1891).





EAST PARISH PRISONAGE.

60.

RESIDENCE OF F. A. HOWE.—This house was a part of the Stickney house (No. 67), and was moved to its present site in March, 1851. John N. Towne then occupied it until 1874, when he removed to Georgetown and afterward to Taunton where he died in 1891. Since Mr. Towne moved away it has been occupied by Mr. Frederic A. Howe, who has been engaged in the grocery business for many years, and the master of the Boxford post-office for a score of years.

61.

DAVID BUTMAN CELLAR.—A short distance northwest of the East Parish church in a pasture is a cellar. Over this cellar stood the home of the Boxford Buswells. Samuel Buswell, born in 1628, removed from Salisbury to Boxford in 1672, and settled at this place. Whether or not he built the house is not known, but it is presumed that he did. He married Sarah Keies in 1656, and they brought their six children with them. They had two more born to them in Boxford. His son Samuel settled in Bradford, and Robert in Andover.

Mr. Buswell was succeeded on the homestead by his son John, who was born in Salisbury in 1659. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Stiles. He was the first grave digger chosen in Boxford, having been elected to that office by the town in 1716.

John Buswell was succeeded on the farm by his son John, who was born there in 1703. He married Abigail Cummings in 1743, and died in 1751. His widow married Jonathan Whipple of Danvers six years later. Mr. Buswell had two children, Ruth, born in 1746, and John, born in 1748. John settled in Kindege, N. H., and



Ruth resided on the old place. At the age of twenty-eight the publishment of her intention of marriage with John Love appears on the Boxford records, but she preferred being an old maid to marrying him and so she forbade the granting of a certificate. Her remonstrance was as follows :

"Whereas one John Love, a Trantient Person, did direct the Clerk of this Town to publifh an Intention of Marriage between himself and me the subscriber which was accordingly done by the said Town Clerk upon the 30th of January, A. D. 1775, in the usual way of publifhing intentions of Marriages :—I do hereby strictly forbid the said Town Clerk to give out a Certificate of such publication—1ly, because the said John Love is a Trantient Person and not Much Known in this Place : 2ly, because I never had any conjugal Conversation with him the said John : and 3dly Because I never gave any consent to the said John for such Publication—

"Boxford, January 31, 1775.

Ruth Buswell."

And so poor John was forced to become a "transient" person in some other place, and he is not heard of again in Boxford. Perhaps Ruth would have done well if she had yielded to his charms, for the husband she did get was "no 'count," as her old neighbor Phillis would have said. In 1778, she married David Butman of Danvers, and remained on her father's place. Her husband was known as "King David." He was by trade a cooper, was short of stature, and had curly hair. He was as lazy as she was smart. She cultivated the farm, doing the plowing, hoeing, haying and harvesting herself. One day in May, 1810, she had been plowing all day with oxen hired of Joseph S. Peabody, who lived at the old Spiller place (No. 68) and just after dark drove them home. She ran back to do her chores, was taken sick that night, probably from over-ex-

ertion, and survived but a few days. If any woman was ever entitled to suffrage, we have her here. Her husband left this mundane sphere in 1816, at the age of sixty-eight. They had four children, Joseph, Esther, Hitty and John.

The old house was taken down about 1822, and the barn was moved to the Sayward place (No. 99) by Capt. Davis, where it is still standing.

62.

RESIDENCE OF MARY A. PERLEY.—Miss Mary A. Perley of Brooklyn, N. Y., erected her residence in 1888, and has since made it her permanent home.

63.

RESIDENCE OF F. J. STEVENS.—The farm belonging to the late Daniel Gould contained originally eighty-five acres, and before 1723 was in the possession of Ebenezer Kimball. April 10th of that year he sells the farm with the buildings thereon to Samuel Goodridge of Newbury. Mr. Goodridge was a son of Benjamin Goodridge, who, together with his wife and two children, were slain by the Indians while at family prayer in their house at Georgetown, Oct. 23, 1692. Samuel Goodridge had settled upon this farm three years before he obtained his deed of it. The old house which was then standing occupied the corner of the garden on the left hand as one enters the yard when coming from the church. It stood very near the wall. It was probably taken down about 1745, and the cellar was filled up about 1790 by Daniel Gould, a later owner.

Samuel Goodridge had the care of the first meeting-house in the town for awhile. He was living in 1759, but when he or his wife died is not known, and no settlement of his estate is on record. He married Hannah Frazier of



Newbury in 1710, and had ten children, five of whom were born at this place. Among his descendants are Rev. Charles G. Porter of Bangor, Me.; Ambrose H. Goodridge, publisher of the old *Boston Atlas*; Gov. Caleb D. Randall of Michigan; Hon. Allen Goodridge of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Edward Goodridge, rector of the American Episcopal Church at Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr. Goodridge sold the farm to his son Benjamin in 1742. Benjamin erected, about that time, the present residence of Dr. Stevens, where it now stands. The reason Mr. Goodridge was accustomed to give, for building his house so far from the road, was to escape the numerous calls for cider from travellers. Benjamin owned the place until May 3, 1784, when he sold to Daniel Gould for £540. Mr. Goodridge then removed to Bald Hill (No. 135), where he lived but a few months and then removed to Middleton. In 1789, he settled in Westminster, Vt., where he died in 1805, at the age of eighty-four. He had a number of children, who settled in Vermont. The family is noted for the longevity of its members.

Daniel Gould, the successor of Mr. Goodridge, was a native of Topsfield, and resided upon this farm from 1784 till his death, which occurred in 1826, at the age of seventy.

Mr. Gould's son Daniel succeeded him upon the place and continued to reside in the house until 1843, when he removed to his new house (No. 64). The old house was then occupied by Mr. Albert Brown until about twelve years ago, since which time Dr. Stevens has resided there.

64.

RESIDENCE OF MARY A. B. GOULD.—The home of Miss Mary A. B. Gould was erected by her father, the late venerable Daniel Gould, in 1842. He moved into it, from



his old house (No. 63) Jan. 1, 1843, and resided here until his death in 1888, at the age of eighty-nine.

65.

RESIDENCE OF ISRAEL HERRICK.—The old house that once occupied the site of the residence of Mr. Israel Herrick was early in the possession of the Bixby family. A part of the present house is probably a portion of the early dwelling of the Bixbys. Probably Joseph Bixby settled here in 1660, having at that time built the house. He came from Ipswich. He married Sarah, widow of Luke Heard of Salisbury (having previously lived in Ipswich) in 1647. Her maiden name was Wyatt. At the time of her marriage with Mr. Bixby her parents were living, and her mother was the owner of land in Asington, County of Suffolk, England. Mr. Bixby died April 19, 1700, "being aged," and his widow survived him four years, dying at the age of eighty-four. They had nine children.

Mr. Bixby's son George succeeded him on the homestead. He had two sons, one of whom died young. Mr. Bixby probably died in 1729, as that was the last year in which he was taxed.

He was succeeded on the farm by his son Gideon, who was born in 1699. He married Rebecca Foster in 1751, and died about three years later, leaving one child. His widow married Solomon Gould of Topsfield in 1756, who lived but a few years. Her son, Gideon Bixby, sold the place in April, 1774, for £436, to John Herrick of Boxford, and his mother released her right of dower in it. The farm then consisted of one hundred and eight acres.

Mr. Herrick was a cooper, and came from Wenham ten years before. He lived at No. 163, until he removed to this place, and Gideon Bixby removed to No. 163, an exchange of places having been effected.



Mr. Herrick was succeeded on the farm by his son Israel, who remodelled the house about 1800 and died about 1815.

Israel Herrick's son William Hale Herrick was the next possessor of the place. He was born in 1806, and died in 1858. He married Lois Killam, and had three sons: Israel, who has lived upon the farm since his father's decease, being an extensive farmer and mill owner; William Augustus, who was a prominent lawyer in Boston, compiler of the standard *Town Officer*, and editor of several legal works, having been born in this house in 1831; and Samuel Killam, who lives in Georgetown.

66.

THE DRESSER CELLARS.—Nathan Dresser, son of Daniel Dresser of Rowley, came to Boxford in 1728, and erected the house in which he resided. It stood on the old Dresser road, not far from Mr. Israel Herrick's, the cellar being plainly visible at this time. He was a blacksmith by trade, and he erected a shop near his house. He did considerable business. It is probable that his father Daniel lived here with Nathan. Daniel was quite an extensive farmer. Dr. David Wood calls him "Neighbor Daniel Dresser." He was there in 1735 and as late as 1740. On Dr. Wood's account book is the following item against Mr. Dresser: "Jan: 1737-8 to my son and six cattle to fech a load of hay from Rowley marshes 14s."

We do not know when Nathan died. By his wife Lydia, he had four children born in Boxford, one of whom was John, who was born in 1735. He learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, and after his father's death carried on the business until after 1800. By his two wives, Jane Harriman and Mehitable Dickinson, Mr. Dresser became the father of sixteen children. One of these was Thomas,

who learned his father's trade and established a blacksmith's shop at No. 37. Another son, Nathan, also learned the trade and became his father's successor at the old place. The old house soon became untenable, and the cellar alone remains to mark the spot about which so many recollections must have clung.

Nathan was born in 1790. He built a new house a short distance south of the old one on the same side of the road, in which he resided till his death in September, 1829. He also continued to work at his trade in the old shop until his decease. His widow Susanna, who was daughter of Nathaniel Long, who lived at No. 205, the following year married Elijah Wilson of Salem, N. H., and continued to reside here. Mr. Wilson demolished the shop about 1835.

Mr. Dresser's son, James M. Dresser of Georgetown, sold his interest in the place to Augustus Hayward in 1843. The place was conveyed by Stephen Cook of Boxford to Gamaliel Harris in 1860, and also in 1863. The house was hauled to Georgetown about fifteen years ago, and is still used as a dwelling. The barn was purchased and removed to their farm by Henry and Charles Perley and is still used for the purpose originally intended.

67.

STICKNEY CELLARS.—Northwest of Cedar Pond, and about a quarter of a mile west of the old Dresser cellars (No. 66), once stood the old Stickney house. Joseph Stickney, son of Benjamin and Mary (Palmer) Stickney, born on Long Hill, in Georgetown, in 1705, settled here in 1728 on one hundred acres of land, which he purchased the next year of his father-in-law, Capt. Samuel Pickard of Rowley, who owned large tracts of real estate in this neighborhood, which had been used for pasturage. Mr.



Stickney married, first, Jane Pickard of Rowley, and second, Hannah, daughter of Samuel Goodridge who lived at No. 63. Mr. Stickney was deputy sheriff of the county of Essex in 1737. He died in 1756. His widow married James Barker of Rowley, and died in 1806, at the age of ninety-four. In his will he gives one-third of the farm to his son Joseph and the other two-thirds to his son Samuel. His interest in the saw-mill owned in connection with Jonathan Wood he gives to his son Jedediah, who became his successor on the place. They had sixteen children: 1. Moses, who having received his portion of his father's estate and being a man of great enterprise, in 1752, attempted, with Richard Peabody and seven others, the settlement of Rowley, Canada, now Jaffrey, N. H. But the settlement was soon abandoned in consequence of incursions of the Indians, and he returned to Boxford. He soon after settled in Holden, in Worcester county, Mass., and afterward lived in Temple, N. H., and at Springfield, Vt., where he died in 1819, at the age of ninety. Moses, his eldest son, who was born in Boxford in 1751, died in Jaffrey, N. H., at the age of one hundred years and three months. 2. Elizabeth, who died at the age of sixteen. 3. Jane, who married Thomas Carleton. 4. Joseph, who resided in Boxford until about 1774, when he removed to New Ipswich, N. H., where he died in 1818. 5. Jedediah, who resided on the old place. 6. Hannah (a twin), who married Dea. Joseph Emery, jr., and died at Pembroke, N. H., at the age of ninety-seven. 7. Abigail (twin with Hannah), who married Abraham Tyler of Boxford. 8. Susanna, who married Phineas Carlton of Andover. 9. Samuel, who lived in Boxford, Danvers, Wrentham and at Beverly, where he died in 1802 at the age of sixty. 10. Anna, who married Daniel Peabody of Boxford. 11. Lemuel, who died in Berlin, Vt., in 1824, at



the age of seventy-nine. 12. Eliphalet, who lived in Bennington, Vt., and at Hartwick, N. Y., where he died in 1821, aged seventy-four. 13. Amos, who settled in Jaffrey, N. H. 14. Asa, who resided in Danvers. 15. Elizabeth, who died young. 16. Thomas, who lived in Amherst and Hillsboro', N. H., Hartland, Conn., and at Fairfax, Vt., where he died in 1839 at the age of eighty-four. Among the descendants of Joseph Stickney are Dr. Orvil P. Gilman of Salem, N. Y., Charles Blackman Stickney, Esq., of Norwalk, O., Rev. Levi Stickney of Lapeer, Mich., Rev. James M. Stickney of Wyoming, Ill., Dr. Eliphalet Stickney of Jay, N. Y., Levi Dodge Stickney of Jacksonville, Fla., a politician, attorney and author, and Major Horace Newton Stickney of Tennessee.

It is probable that Joseph and Samuel resided here with Jedediah until their removal from the town. Jedediah was born at this place in 1735, and married, for his first wife, Margaret Tyler in 1757. In 1769 he bought out Samuel's, and in 1771 Joseph's share in the farm. "Peggy" Stickney, his wife, died in 1786. He married, secondly, in 1796, Sarah, daughter of John Herrick, who lived at No. 65. Lieutenant Stickney died in 1809, at the age of seventy-three, and with his first wife lies buried in the ancient cemetery, where their stones are two of the twelve still remaining there. He gave the farm to his son Ancil. He had nine children, and among his descendants is Dr. Ancil Stickney of Auburn, N. Y.

Ancil Stickney was born here in 1762, and married Mehitable Perley, a daughter of Cooper Nat Perley, who lived in No. 14. Mr. Stickney was a Revolutionary pensioner, and was town treasurer of Boxford for many years. He died here in 1835, at the age of seventy-two. His wife died in 1837, and in her will she expresses her desire that a stone or stones be erected at the graves of her hus-



band's nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stiles. She gave all her personal property not otherwise bequeathed towards building the present East Parish church. They had no children.

In his will Mr. Stickney gave the farm to his nephew, Oliver Tyler Peabody, who was born in 1799. Mr. Peabody married Sarah A. Towne, and removed in 1854 to Verden, Ill. His son Henry Oliver Peabody, the inventor of the world-renowned Peabody breech-loading rifle, was born here in 1826.

The house was let to tenants during the last years of its occupation of this site, and the east end of it was eventually moved to the north corner at the junction of the streets near the First Church, being now the residence of Mr. Frederic A. Howe, No. 60.

There was another small house standing near this, and owned in connection with it, which is also gone.

68.

OLD SPILLER HOUSE.—This house was built by Capt. Stephen Peabody in 1708. He was a son of William Peabody, and was born near where No. 69 now stands, in 1685. He lived in this house until his death, which occurred in 1759. His widow survived him five years. They had nine children, one of whom, Francis, settled at Maugerville, on the St. John river in New Brunswick, and with James Symonds and James White, his sons-in-law, were among the earliest English settlers in that Province. It has been asserted that his brother-in-law, John Hale, and himself were tories and that they fled to New Brunswick for political reasons, but it is untrue. Stephen's son William settled in Amherst, N. H. Among the descendants of Stephen is his grandson Col. Stephen Peabody of Mont Vernon, N. H.



His youngest son Richard, born in 1731, next resided upon the old place. He commanded a company of soldiers at Ticonderoga and Lake George during the struggle for independence, and several of his sons served with him, the youngest in the service being but thirteen years of age. Capt. Peabody was a prominent citizen of the town, and died in this house, where he was born and had always lived, in 1820, at the age of eighty-nine. By his wife Jemima, daughter of Jonathan Spofford of Georgetown, who had died eight years before him, he had twelve children. The oldest son, Stephen, lived in No. 69. John settled in Lunenburg. William, born in 1768, was a physician in Frankfort and afterward in Corinth, Me. Samuel was an attorney-at-law in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Samuel's son, Charles A., was judge of the United States Provisional court for Louisiana, at New Orleans, and chief-justice of the supreme court of Louisiana. Capt. Richard's youngest son, Joseph Spofford Peabody, lived at home until 1816, when he moved to New Portland, Me.

After Capt. Peabody's death in 1820, the farm was in the care of his son Samuel, who settled the estate, and he let it out until the spring of 1826, when it was sold to Nathaniel G. Spiller. He lived here until some twenty-five years ago, when he sold out to Mr. Joseph H. Janes. While Mr. Janes owned it, it was occupied by different tenants, the principal one being William Bly.

About five years ago the homestead was purchased by William A. Herrick, Esq., of Boston (who was born in No. 65). Mr. Herrick spent his summers here until his death in 1885, and his family now make the place their permanent home.

In connection with this homestead was an old grist-mill, that occupied a site on the brook near the house. It was



built before the house was, by the father of the builder of the house, who was the settler of this immediate neighborhood. The original building was blown from its foundation into the pond during the terrible gale of September, 1815, but was immediately reërected by Capt. Richard Peabody. Mr. Spiller had purchased the mill in connection with the homestead, and about 1845 sold it, with the water privilege, to William A. Gurley and Joseph Farley, who took down the mill building to give place to an ideal saw-mill which was never built. The lumber which they hauled there for the construction of the mill rotted on the ground, and the massive stone wall that they erected by the side of the brook for the foundation still remains.

“ ’Tis a country scene—a homestead old,
 The high, steep roof with moss o’ergrown;
 The hearth’s large wood-fires kept off the cold
 When winter’s storms have fiercely blown;
 But the old folks have left their pleasant room,—
 Man’s daily pathway leads but to his tomb!

“ There’s a singing brook from living streams;
 It sweetly runs through clover fields,
 And joyful thoughts of my youth it brings,
 As life’s pure nectar now it yields;
 And the old saw-mill stands a ruin there;—
 May man and time that dear old ruin spare!”

69.

RESIDENCE OF REV. A. B. PEABODY.—A few rods northwest of the “Butcher Peabody” house, where there is now a small grove of Gilead trees, William Peabody lived from 1684 to his death in 1700, at the age of fifty-three. He was son of Lt. Francis Peabody of Topsfield, the immigrant ancestor. When the house was taken down, we do not know. His son Stephen built No. 68. His son Oliver, born here in 1698, was distinguished for his labors among the Indians, and as pastor of the

church at Natick. Other descendants of this William Peabody are Hon. Oliver Peabody of Exeter, N. H., president of senate, treasurer of state, etc.; Rev. Stephen Peabody of Atkinson, N. H.; Rev. Ephraim Peabody, pastor of King's Chapel, Boston; and others.

The "Butcher Peabody" house was moved from the site it occupied at No. 34, which was where the third-district schoolhouse now stands. (See that number.) The house was removed to its present site by Stephen Peabody, Esq., its owner, about 1795, the lean-to being taken off, and the main part of the house raised up. Mr. Peabody resided in it until 1830, when he died at the age of sixty-nine. On the day of his death he was in the best of health, and at work in his field. It was a hot day, and being very thirsty he drank cold water freely, after which he dropped to the ground and expired almost immediately. He was a justice of the peace and a prominent citizen. Of his three children, who were born to him of his wife Anna Killam, from the south part of the town, only Samuel had children. He resided upon the place after his father's death and carried on the trade of a butcher, which gave to the place the name it now bears. Samuel died in September, 1862, having been prosperous in his business. Of his children, Samuel Porter lives in No. 193. Stephen, a school teacher for twenty-five years or more, now lives in Newburyport where he has been a member of the city council; Mary Ann gave to the First church the "Mary Ann Peabody Sunday-school Library," and died in 1865, at the age of forty-one; Melissa married the late John Q. Batchelder, and resides in No. 79; and the youngest child, Albert Bradstreet, born here in 1828, was a Congregational clergyman at Stratham and Candia, N. H.

Rev. Albert B. Peabody, the last named son, now owns and resides upon the old homestead.



For a score of years the house was let to various tenants, among them being Joseph Peabody, Caleb Mortimer, Leander Russell and Scidmore Gurley. Mr. Gurley lived there until the fall of 1890, when Rev. Mr. Peabody repaired the house, and took up his abode therein.

70.

HANNAH WOOD CELLAR.—Near the willow tree which stood by the ice houses at Stevens pond is an old cellar. In 1761, Joseph Simmons conveyed the house which stood over this cellar and the lot to Solomon Wood. In 1770, Hannah Wood of Boxford, singlewoman, sells the lot of two and three-fourths acres, with the house, to Aaron Wood, Esq. It was standing a few years later, but was probably gone before 1800. The widow of Squire Wood, who died in 1835 at the age of ninety-five, said that a family of Hessian soldiers lived there in Revolutionary times.

71.

OLD WOOD CELLAR.—On the right-hand side of the road leading from the camp ground to West Boxford, opposite Stevens pond, is an old cellar. It was undoubtedly an old Wood homestead, perhaps where the first Daniel, and also his son John lived.

72.

RESIDENCE OF HENRY PERLEY.—The residence of Mr. Henry Perley was built about 1745 by Solomon Wood, son of John Wood, who was born in 1722. Mr. Wood was a man of much learning for his time, a surveyor of note and a blacksmith. His shop stood near the house. Mr. Wood died in 1766, and by his wives, Hannah Jewett and Mehitable Peabody, he had six children. One of them, Solomon, jr., resided on the place.



Solomon Wood, jr., was born in 1763; married Phebe Perley in 1784, and had several children born here. Mr. Wood died in 1829, and his widow followed him three years later. Their epitaph is:—

“May we meet in Heaven.”

Of their children, Phebe, who married Samuel Hood, died at Georgetown in 1884 at the age of ninety-two; Oliver lived in Groveland and died unmarried in 1863, at the age of seventy-five; Betsey married Samuel Dale and resided in No. 175; Sally married George H. A. Batchelder, and lived in Haverhill; and Hannah, the oldest child, was the mother of the late Albert Perley, into whose possession the farm came. Mr. Perley died in February, 1876. His widow resided upon the place, together with her two youngest sons, until her death in 1889, and her son Henry Perley has since lived here.

73.

DOLLOF CELLAR.—“Deacon” Rufus Burnham, who then lived at No. 78, built the Dollof house about 1822. His carpenters were Phineas Barnes and Josiah Woodbury. He had just before lost his wife, and had become permanently blind. He was a Revolutionary pensioner, and was much esteemed by his neighbors, who gave him money enough to build this house (as he did not own the Batchelder Place, where he lived), which might be to him a home where he could quietly pass the rest of his days. He died in 1836 at the age of eighty-seven. He had three children: Sarah, who married, as his second wife, Joseph Stickney Tyler, who had lived in No. 94; Seth, who resided in the Davis house (No. 251); and Hannah, who died unmarried in 1834, at the age of forty-nine.

Mr Burnham was succeeded upon the place by Mr. Tyler, who married his daughter Sarah. Sarah died here in



1858, aged seventy-eight. Mr. Tyler married, thirdly, widow Sarah (Stuart) Esney of Georgetown, whose daughter married his son Ira S. Tyler, who lately died in Georgetown. This third wife hung herself in this house in 1860. Mr. Tyler died in 1864, at the age of eighty-eight, and the heirs sold the old homestead to Mr. Sylvester Dollof.

Mr. Dollof was a carpenter, and resided here until 1867, when he removed to Bradford where he now resides. He subsequently let the house to various tenants until it was burned down in the spring of 1876.

74.

RESIDENCE OF DAVID DEW. C. MIGHILL.— The house that formerly occupied the site of Mr. David DeWitt Clinton Mighill's residence was built by Capt. Francis Perley about 1734. He was born at No. 76, in 1706, and was son of Lieut. Jacob Perley. Capt. Perley was a prominent man in the town, quite wealthy and did an extensive business in tanning. He boarded a number of the French Neutrals that were here from 1756 to 1760. He died in 1765. His wife was Huldah, sister to Gen. Israel Putnam, who after his decease married Timothy Fletcher of Westford, and removed thither. His eldest child, William, a commander at battle of Bunker Hill, resided in No. 75; Huldah married Col. John Robinson of Westford, a commander at battle of Concord, and distinguished for his unflinching patriotism; Francis succeeded his father on the place; Amos lived at No. 39; and Jacob lived awhile at No. 18, removed to Reading and finally settled in Byfield, where he died at a good old age, a deacon of the church.

Capt. Perley was succeeded on the homestead by his son Francis, who was born in 1745, and married, first, in 1771, Ruth Putnam of Danvers, and second, in 1786, Hannah Payson, 2d, of Rowley. He also became a captain



in the militia. He removed to Rowley about 1800, and died there suddenly in a fit in 1810 at the age of sixty-five. Capt. Perley had thirteen children, of whom Fanny married Dr. Dennison Bowers of Boscawen, N. H., in 1791, and resided in this house for a few years after her marriage; Nancy died in Boscawen at the age of twenty-seven; Francis died at sea; Ebenezer Putnam lived in Rowley; James lived in Rowley and Boston; and Edward Payson died abroad.

The writer has been told that a Chapman family lived upon the place about 1805. Daniel Bodwell, from Methuen, was living there in 1812. He was a blacksmith, and worked in a part of the barn. The old house, being then very dilapidated, was taken down and the present one erected, presumably by Samuel Perley, who bought the farm at auction in 1812, it being sold by Capt. Francis Perley's widow, who was administratrix, to settle the estate. The advertisement of this auction, as it appeared in the *Salem Gazette*, was as follows:—

BY ORDER OF COURT,

Will be sold at Public Auction, on the premises, on Tuesday the 10th day of March next, at one o'clock P. M.

A FARM in *Boxford*, belonging to the estate of Capt. FRANCIS PERLEY, late of Rowley, deceased. Said farm consists of about 70 acres of wood, tillage, and pasture Land, with the buildings thereon. For further information inquire of JAMES PERLEY, of Rowley, or DANIEL BODWELL, on the premises, where the conditions will be made known.

HANNAH PERLEY, adm'x.

Rowley, Feb. 7, 1812.

Samuel Perley was from Rowley. He settled upon the farm immediately, having married with Lydia Perkins, and lived there until his death, which occurred in 1848. He was born in 1770, being a son of John Perley of Rowley and brother of John Perley, who gave a fund wherewith



to found a free school in Georgetown. He had two sons and one daughter, neither of whom was ever married. The children lived upon the place,— Lydia till her decease in 1857, Samuel till his death in 1869, and Stephen Perkins until 1873, when he sold out to Mr. Jophanus Adams of Georgetown. In 1875 Mr. Adams sold the place to Mr. Samuel Clark.

Mr. Clark lived here a short time and then bought the Savage house (No. 37), to which he removed. He sold this place to Mr. Sewall T. Johnson of Newburyport, in 1876. Mr. Johnson repaired the house extensively and resided here until the next year, when he sold to Mr. Mighill, who has since lived here.

75.

THE TOWN ALMSHOUSE.— The almshouse was erected by Capt. William Perley in 1763. He moved here from the Amos Perley house (No. 18). He was a son of Capt. Francis Perley and a nephew of Gen. Israel Putnam, and was born in No. 74 in 1735. Capt. Perley was a prominent citizen of the town. He was the captain of the minute men here at the beginning of the Revolutionary struggle, and led his men in the battle of Bunker Hill, when eight of them fell, their bodies, as far as we have learned, being never brought home. Capt. Perley died in 1812, aged seventy-seven. By his first wife, Sarah, daughter of Jacob Clark of Topsfield, he had twelve children, of whom, Rev. Humphrey Clark Perley, who graduated at Dartmouth College in 1791, was a clergyman in Methuen and Beverly, and died in Georgetown in 1838; William resided in Georgetown and Haverhill; Phineas lived at No. 42; and Oliver in Georgetown. Capt. Perley married, secondly, the widow of Dr. William Hale, who resided in No. 99.

Capt. Perley's youngest son Abraham succeeded him up-



on the place. There his six children were born. About 1825, the farm was sold to Capt. Jacob Towne, formerly of Salem, and, in 1847, he sold it to the town of Boxford for a town farm. The town repaired the buildings and have continued to use the place as a town farm ever since. Mr. Towne died in 1853 at the age of seventy-three.

The first master of the almshouse, or superintendent of the town farm, was Jonathan Martin, who remained three years, removing to Byfield, where he died in 1880 at the age of eighty-four. His successors have been David Wesley de la Fletcher Hood, 1850-1852;¹ Joseph N. Jaques, 1852-1854; Parker P. Pingree, 1854-1857; William J. Savage, 1857-1863; Peter Strout, 1863-1870; Charles E. Morse, 1870-1880; Rufus W. Emerson, 1880-1883; Henry K. Kennett, 1883-1885; and Charles Perley, 2d, 1885-1891.

76.

JACOB PERLEY CELLAR.—About 1697, Thomas Perley erected a house near Lake Reynor for his son Jacob, to whom he deeded the house and land about it in 1704. The house stood a few rods northeast of the barn belonging to the farm of Messrs. Patten and Metcalf, on the south side of the road. The exact location of the cellar is now almost unknown, as it has been filled up and ploughed over for many years. The house was large and had a leanto. The chimney was constructed on the outside of the house, and the oven opened outward. From the oven, it is said, on Saturday nights the contents were sometimes purloined, leaving the family without their usual Sunday beans, pudding and brown bread.

Mr. Perley removed to Bradford about 1737, and died there in 1751. He had seven children, probably all born

¹ Mr. Hood died there March 22, 1852.



in this old house. He married, first, Lydia Peabody; second, her cousin Lydia Peabody; and third, widow Mehitable Brown of Rowley. Of his sons, Jacob and Nathan lived in Boxford (Jacob at No. 32); Francis lived at No. 74; and Moses settled on the old place.

Moses Perley, who succeeded his father on the homestead, was born in 1709, and married Hannah Frye of Andover in 1740. Col. Peter Frye was her own cousin. Colonel Frye was a loyalist, and his daughter Love married for her first husband, Dr. Peter Oliver, another loyalist, and secondly, Admiral Sir John Knight of the British navy. Lady Knight died at her seat near London in 1839. Gen. Joseph Frye was another first cousin. Moses Perley died in October, 1793, at the age of eighty-four, and his widow followed him nine days later, at the age of seventy. Their bodies repose in Harmony cemetery. Of their thirteen children, Moses was a soldier and died in the Revolution; Hannah married Lieut. Daniel Clarke of Topsfield, who removed to Georgetown and for several years kept a tavern on Central street, dying in 1799 at the age of sixty-three; Stephen and Jeremiah settled in Topsfield; Nathan built the Tidd house on Nelson street, Georgetown, and resided there; Jeremiah lived in Boxford; Sarah was the grandmother of the prominent Topsfield Balches; Moody married, and lived in Nos. 32 and 95; Phebe married Solomon Wood, who lived in No. 72 and Eliphalet, the youngest child, resided on the old place. It is singular that of these seven sons there are no living male descendants bearing the name of Perley.

Eliphalet was born in 1765, and resided in the old house until 1817, when he built the present residence of Messrs. Patten and Metcalf farther up the slope of old Baldpate, to which he removed, and then demolished the old house.

77.

RESIDENCE OF MESSRS. PATTEN AND METCALF.—Eliph-
alet Perley, having come into the possession of No. 76
(which see), built this house and took down the old one.
He never married, and lived in his new house for sev-
eral years, presumably until the death of his maiden sis-
ter Betty in 1822. He afterward lived in Georgetown,
where he died of old-fashioned consumption at the age of
eighty, in 1846. When in his prime Mr. Perley was a
large, strong, athletic man, who often mowed all night
when there was a moon, and worked as hard at other kinds
of farm labor.

In 1825, the farm was sold to Moses Bradstreet of Row-
ley. He died here shortly after buying the place, and in
1829, the heirs, Matta Bradstreet, widow, Abigail Wildes,
widow, and Samuel Bradstreet, all of Topsfield, conveyed
it to Sylvester Cummings for two thousand dollars.

Mr. Cummings resided here, and upon his death the
farm descended to his daughter Judith, wife of Erastus
Smith. She sold it to Augustus M. Perley in 1868.

Mr. Perley lived here several years, and in 1876 con-
veyed the place to Dea. Jacob Symonds Potter.

Mr. Potter resided here several years and his heirs sold
out to Mr. Junius D. Hayes of Clinton, Mass., in the
spring of 1884. He resided here about a year, and then
removed to Georgetown, selling this place to the present
owners, Messrs. Patten and Metcalf.

Mr. Elbridge Perkins, of Topsfield, occupied the place
from 1880 to 1882.

78.

RESIDENCE OF MURRAY R. BALLOU.—Mr. Ballou's house
was erected by Dr. David Wood about 1701. He was



son of Daniel Wood and was born in Boxford in 1677. He was a physician with a large practice, a justice of the peace, a mill owner and an extensive farmer. He was one of three to build the saw-mill in front of his residence in 1710. He was a leader in the social life of his time and region, and died Aug. 30, 1744. By his wife Mary he had eleven children, of whom Daniel resided at No. 284; Sarah married Aaron Kimball; David lived at No. 289; Hannah married Josiah Johnson of Woburn; Jonathan succeeded his father on the homestead; Mary married Rev. Jacob Bacon of Plymouth; Mercy married Isaac Adams, who lived in No. 84; and Samuel graduated at Harvard College in 1745, settled in Windham, Conn., where he was a Congregationalist clergyman, and later a chaplain in the Revolution, being taken prisoner at the capture of Fort Washington in 1776, and dying on board the prison-ship *Asia* the following winter, at the age of fifty-two. Hon. Bradford Ripley Wood, LL.D., member of the Twenty-ninth Congress, and United States minister to Denmark from 1861 to 1865, was Samuel's grandson.

Dr. Wood's son Jonathan succeeded him on the homestead. He did considerable farming, and among his animals was a fine bay horse, which he valued very highly as a saddle horse. On the night of February 21, 1775, his barn was entered and this horse together with an excellent saddle and a bridle was stolen. He advertised for their return in several issues of the *Essex Gazette*, but as far as the writer has learned never heard from them again. The following is a copy of his advertisement:—

“STOLEN out of the Barn of the Subscriber, in the Night of the 21st Instant, a large bright bay HORSE, with a ruffet hunting Saddle and bridle, about 7 Years old, with a finall Star in his Forehead, about 15 Hands high, is a natural Pacer, and can trot some. Who-

ever takes up said Horfe, Saddle and Bridle, and returns them safe to me, shall have Three Dollars Reward, and all necessary Charges paid by me.

"Boxford, February 22, 1775.

JONATHAN WOOD."

Mr. Wood married twice; first, Sarah Redington, and second, Sarah, widow of Dea. Abner Spofford of Rowley.

Mr. Wood died in 1781, at the age of sixty-four. He had eight children, of whom David was a revolutionary soldier, and lived at No. 97; Jonathan lived on the homestead; Eliphalet was a revolutionary soldier, and resided in Loudon, N. H.; Sarah married Gideon Bixby; Enoch resided in Loudon, N. H.; and Abner lived in Loudon, N. H., and Newburyport, Mass. The following is the inscription on his gravestone in Harmony Cemetery:—

IN
Memory of
MR JONATHAN WOOD
who departed this Life
June y^e 19th 1781,
In the 65th year
of his age,

*I yet do speak though I am dead,
A Sovereign GOD made this my bed
And what I have to say to thee
Prepare for Death to follow me.*

Mr. Wood was succeeded on the farm by his son Jonathan, who was born in this house in 1751. He married Abigail Hale of Brookfield in 1787, and became a deacon of the First Church and captain of the militia. He died Jan. 3, 1797, at the age of forty-five, from an accident.

The following obituary notice appeared in the *Salem Gazette* a week after his decease:

"Boxford, Jan. 7, 1797.

"On Tuesday last departed this life, Capt. JONATHAN WOOD, in the 46th year of his age. The circumstances which occasioned his death are really melancholy. On Saturday morning, 31st of December last,



about day break, he went into his Barn, and ascended a Scaffold about 14 feet, from which he accidentally fell on the top of a Sleigh which stood on the floor, whereby his head and neck were injured to such a degree as to prove fatal; however he arose from the spot, and went into his House alone. Last Friday his remains were interred. On the solemn occasion was delivered a well adapted discourse by the Rev. Peter Eaton, from these words, 'For man also knoweth not his time. The funeral procession consisted of his disconsolate Widow and Children, a large train of bereaved Friends, the Officers of the regiment to which he belonged, and the company of militia recently at his command, under arms, a numerous retinue composed of several classes of people from this and the adjacent towns. He was a most benevolent, faithful & constant bosom friend; a kind, tender and affectionate Parent of five young Children; a feeling and affable brother; A useful member of the Society in which he lived, both in a public and private capacity. In him were united both the Christian and military Soldier; he was a strict observer both of the laws of his God and of his country; and his death is greatly lamented."

Capt. Wood was the father of the late Capt. Enoch Wood, who resided at No. 89, and grandfather of Judge Charles A. Peabody of New York.

Rufus Burnham, son of Nathan, born in Boxford in 1748, married Sarah Chapman in 1777, and resided upon this farm until he built the Dollof house (No. 73) about 1822, to which he removed.

The heirs of Deacon Wood sold the farm in 1825 to Capt. Jacob Batchelder of Danvers, who opened a tavern here which flourished for many years. He died in 1853, at the age of seventy-three. His wife was Mary, daughter of Joseph Cummings of Topsfield, where she was born in 1779. She survived her husband and died of old age in 1873, at the age of ninety-one. Her epitaph is,—“The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.” Among the children of Capt. Batchelder were Lydia, who married Daniel Gould; John Quincy, who died in the Rebellion; Edward G., who lived upon the place; Samuel H., who lived across the road, and lately died at Methuen, having been for two sessions a mem-



ber of the State Legislature; Dr. Joseph of Templeton; and Jacob for many years a teacher at Lynn, where he was highly esteemed as an educator and citizen, and where he was for some years librarian of the public library.

After the death of Capt. Batchelder, his son Edward G. resided on the place. He served in the war of the Rebellion, and after the decease of his wife lived here alone. On Sunday, May 11, 1879, he was found dead in his garret having committed suicide by hanging the Wednesday previous. The house then remained unoccupied, and in the possession of Mr. Batchelder's nephew, Samuel P. Batchelder, until 1884, when he sold the place to Mr. Murray R. Ballou of Boston, who resides in the old tavern, which he has greatly improved.

79.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. J. Q. BATCHELDER.—This house was built about 1844 by John Quincy Batchelder and Samuel H. Batchelder brothers, sons of Capt. Jacob Batchelder, who resided in No. 78. One-half of it has since been occupied by John Q. Batchelder and his family, he having died of typhoid fever on board the hospital-ship *Euterpe* in October, 1862, and buried in the Soldiers' cemetery, near Mill-creek hospital.

The other half of the house was occupied by Samuel until 1875, when he removed to Methuen where he lately died. Since his removal his part of the house has remained unoccupied.

80.

FRED SPOFFORD HOUSE.—Ebenezer Kimball probably resided upon this farm about 1725. He was succeeded by his only child Jonathan Kimball, who died in 1746, leaving a daughter Hepzibah. She married Rev. Hezekiah



Smith of Haverhill, in 1771. The next year Mr. Smith sold the farm, consisting of seventy-one acres, and the house, barn, etc., to Bradstreet Tyler of Boxford for £455 15s. Mr. Smith was a Baptist clergyman, and preached in Georgetown and Haverhill.

Stephen Spofford lived there about 1800. He was born in the next house on the same road (No. 82) in 1753, and was the son of Samuel and Mary (Poor) Spofford. He married Sarah Chadwick of Boxford in 1782, and had two children: Frederick, who lived on the homestead, and Polly, who became the wife of Samuel Peabody.

Capt. Frederick Spofford married, first, Mary, daughter of Amos Kimball, who lived at No. 214. She died in 1810, at the age of twenty-three; and he married, second, in 1812, Deborah Wilkins. He died there in 1854, and since that time some portion of his family have resided upon the place until within six or seven years. His youngest son, Mighill Wellington Spofford, was the last of the family to live there. Captain Spofford had eleven children, the oldest of whom was Charles A. who resided at No. 82. Another son, Augustus F., settled in Platteville, Wis., and a daughter is the widow of John Preston of Georgetown.

81.

RESIDENCE OF JEREMIAH DACEY.—This place on "Old Shaven-crown hill" was probably originally settled by Abraham Tyler, son of Job and Elizabeth (Parker) Tyler, born in Boxford in 1735. He married, first, in 1756, Abigail Stickney, by whom he had fifteen children; and second, in 1780, Jerusha Mersay, by whom he had one child. Of his children, Joseph S. lived at Nos. 73 and 94, and William on the homestead.

Mr. Tyler was succeeded on the farm by his son Wil-



liam, who was born there in 1774. He married Abigail Barker of Haverhill in 1799, and had a son William, and a daughter Salenda, both of whom resided upon the place. The children obtained the title to the property, and forced their parents in their old age to seek a home at the almshouse, where they soon after died.

The son William married Mary S. Dorman and had two daughters both of whom died young. He lived only a few years after his marriage, and during that time resided here, replacing the old buildings by those now standing about 1850.

The daughter Salenda married Nelson Bodwell in 1826, and after living in Summersworth, N. H., Methuen, Mass., and in New York state, settled on this place after William's death. They continued to live here until 1868, when they sold the place to Mr. Jeremiah Dacey, from Ireland, the present owner and occupant. Mr. Bodwell removed to Georgetown, where he lived until the decease of his wife about 1882, when he removed to Andover. They had three children, the eldest being Leonard Warwick, who lived in No. 13.

Abraham Tyler's third son was Jacob, a twin with Elizabeth, who was born at this house February 17, 1770. He married Lavinia ———, and after the birth of his first child in 1795, removed to Concord, N. H., where he remained until about 1847, when he settled in the West parish of Rowley, Mass., which was afterward taken from Rowley and incorporated as the town of Georgetown. He died there September 11, 1865, at the age of ninety-five. The present Tyler families of Georgetown are his descendants, through his son Caleb Greenleaf Tyler, who died there June 8, 1860, at the age of fifty-four, having been a prominent manufacturer.

Other children of Abraham Tyler were Molly, who mar-



ried John Peabody in 1788, Priscilla, who married Benjamin Robinson in 1794, Isaac, who married Dorcas Goodridge in 1794, and Elizabeth (the second child of that name, and not the twin with Jacob), who married David Colburn, jr., in 1797.

82.

RESIDENCE OF H. MERRITT SPOFFORD.—This house was built by Samuel Spofford about 1717. He was a son of Samuel Spofford who resided on the "old farm" on Spofford's Hill, in what is now Georgetown, was born in 1690, and married Sarah Stickney of Bradford in 1717. The house was originally built in the style that then prevailed, and so remained until a few years ago, when it was extensively repaired and modernized. They had five children, the oldest of whom was Bethiah, who was blind many years. They had, also, Sarah, who died of the throat distemper in 1736, aged fifteen years; Thomas, who settled in Andover; Amos, who settled at No. 83; and Samuel, who lived on his father's place.

Samuel Spofford, jr., was born in 1722, and married Mary Poor of Newbury in 1752. They had six children: two by the name of Moses, who died each at the age of one month, the last one of canker; Molly, who died at the age of three years; Samuel, who resided on this place; Parker, who lived at No. 33; and Stephen, the eldest son, who resided at No. 80.

Mr. Spofford was succeeded on the homestead by his son Samuel, who died there, Feb. 12, 1846, at the age of eighty-six. He never married, but hired housekeepers, one maiden lady, Nancy Springer, serving him in that capacity many years. In 1841, he conveyed the farm to Moses Dorman, jr., to dispose of for the payment of his debts, and Mr. Dorman sold it to John Tyler of Boxford in 1844.



Mr. Spofford's nephew, Charles Arlington Spofford (son of Capt. Frederick Spofford), born at No. 80 in 1812, moved to this place about three years before Samuel's decease, and afterward lived there, buying the farm of Mr. Tyler in 1849. Mr. Spofford married Sarah Hardy, and had two children. He died in 1883, and since that time his son H. Merritt has carried on the farm.

83.

RESIDENCE OF ISRAEL F. SPOFFORD.—The house that originally stood where Mr. Israel F. Spofford lives was doubtless built by Amos Spofford about 1754. In that year he married Abigail Pearl, from No. 259. He was born in No. 82 in 1729. They had nine children, of whom Benjamin settled in Fryeburg, Me.; Amos in Methuen; Samuel in Portland, Me., and at No. 252; Daniel in Blue Hill, Me.; and Thomas, the youngest son, on his father's place.

Thomas Spofford was born in 1767, and married Elizabeth Foster in 1791. He built the present house in 1805, on, or nearly on, the site of the old house. They had seven children, of whom Phineas settled in Beverly; Eliza was the first wife of the late Ephraim Cole, and the oldest child Aaron became his father's successor on the old place.

Capt. Aaron Spofford was born in 1793, and married Betsey Foster in 1822. Mr. Spofford was a soldier in the war of 1812, for which he received a pension. He had ten children: Mrs. Samuel Killam; Phineas, who was a captain in the Confederate army during the Rebellion, and later high sheriff of Cheraw county, S. C.; Mrs. John Hale; Aaron, who was killed in the battle of Groveton, Va., Aug. 30, 1862, while fighting in the Union army; Daniel Webster, who served in the Union Army, and



now resides in Georgetown; Israel F., who resides on his father's place; and others. Captain Spofford died in 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-six. He was succeeded on the homestead by his son Israel F., who has since resided there.

84.

THE OLD ADAMS HOUSE.—The house in which Mr. Charles A. Thwing recently died was erected by Thomas



THE OLD ADAMS HOUSE.

Spofford about 1702. He was a son of Samuel and Sarah (Burkbee) Spofford of Rowley, where he was born in 1679, and was the first of the name to settle in Boxford. By his wife, Bethiah Haseltine, whom he married in 1702, he had ten children. In 1716, he sold the place to his brother-in-law, Isaac Adams of Rowley, and removed to Lebanon, Conn. He is the ancestor of the numerous



Spafards, Rev. Henry A. Spafard of Brooklyn, N. Y., being one of his descendants.

Mr. Adams probably never lived here. He died in Rowley in 1738, and in his will devised this farm to his son Isaac, who was born in Rowley in 1713. He came here to live with his mother, who died in 1775, at the age of ninety-one.

At the age of twenty-nine, Mr. Adams married a daughter of Dr. David Wood, and had ten or eleven children. Mr. Adams was commissioned captain of the Second company of militia in Boxford Sept. 1, 1762. The original commission is in the possession of his great-granddaughter, Miss Rebecca T. Wood of West Boxford. He served on the committees chosen to build the second meeting-house in West Boxford; and in 1780, was one of a committee of five chosen to examine the state constitution agreeably to a resolve of the General Court June 15, 1779. He was in his day one of the principal men of Boxford. He served as a selectman for fourteen years; and was the representative to the legislature from 1783 to 1786, inclusive, and in 1788, five years in all. He had the good of the country at heart, and even when he had reached the age of eighty he took great interest in the affairs of Congress. Dr. Jeremiah Spofford remembered being at Mr. Adams' house about 1795, a year or two before the old gentleman's death. He described him as a man of short stature, and as wearing a small red cap, which fitted close to his head. Mr. Adams died in 1797, aged eighty-three. His wife survived him six years. His epitaph is as follows:—

“Affectionate as a husband, tender as a parent,
Useful in life, resigned in death, render his
memory dear to surviving friends.
His God sustains him in his final hour!
His final hour brings glory to his God!”

Four of Mr. Adams' sons served in the army of the Revolution, his son Isaac being one of the victims of the battle of Bunker Hill. Several of his sons settled in Rindge, N. H. Two great-grandsons are Edwin Spofford Adams, principal of a school in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Moses Sawin Adams, Esq., a prosperous attorney in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Adams' daughter Mary married John Tyler, and was the mother of the late Mrs. Enoch Wood.

Mr. Adams' youngest son Israel, born in 1761, married Lucinda Baxter in 1808 and resided here the remainder of his life. He died in May, 1834, and his widow went to Rindge, N. H., where she died in 1864, at the age of ninety. Mr. Adams was a selectman in 1799, 1800 and 1803. In 1811, he was one of a committee of three chosen by the town to superintend inoculation to prevent the prevalence of small-pox.

The next occupant was Isaac, a grandson of Capt. Isaac Adams and son of David. He was here as early as 1822. He was the father of Chandler Braman Adams, U. C. 1855, and of Charles Israel Adams, D. C. 1852, a lawyer in Boston, who were both born in this old mansion.

Mr. Adams also bore the title of his grandfather, that of captain. In November, 1869, he sold this place to Perry M. Jefferson of Andover, who sold to Charles H. Mears and John F. Baldwin, co-partners, of Lowell, the following month. They sold to Charles F. Winch of Wilmington in 1870, and he conveyed it to Anna E. Thwing in 1872. Mr. Thwing came from Lexington, and resided upon the farm until his death in 1889.

85.

THE SAMUEL B. CARLETON HOUSE.—The farm which was in the possession of the late Samuel B. Carleton has



been in the Carleton family for several generations. Joseph Carleton, a grandson of George Carleton (who was the first settler in Boxford of that name, having come from Bradford in 1727, probably settling on this place), was born in Boxford in 1754 or 1755, married Sarah Wood in 1780, and settled on this homestead. They had a large family.

Joseph Carleton's third child was named Leonard. He was born in 1786, married Sally Barker of Andover in 1817, and settled on this place. Here was born his son and the recent owner and occupant of this farm, the late Samuel Barker Carleton, who always resided upon the homestead.

A Carleton from this place was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill June 17, 1775.

86.

THE GRAGG HOUSE.—The small house occupied by Lawrence Fagan was the old Gragg place, having been built probably about 1771 by Reuben Gragg, who came from Rowley, his wife being Betty Carlton of Boxford. He probably resided here when he died in 1796, at the age of fifty-one.

George Porter, a resident of Boston, inherited this place from his aunts Misses Nabby and Rebecca Gragg. He sold it to John McCabe, who after living here nine or ten years sold out to Stephen Perkins in 1870. Mr. Perkins lived here till his death, when his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kate Perkins, the present owner, bought out the other heirs, and has since made it her home. Mr. Fagan married Mrs. Perkins' sister.

87.

RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM WRIGHT. — Mr. William Wright came from Lawrence, bought a piece of very un-



even sprout land near the old Fowler place, and cleared it up, building upon it a residence for himself and family in 1879. By his assiduous labor, he made the land very productive.

88.

THE FOWLER HOUSE.—The old Fowler house was owned and occupied by Nathan Kimball, son of John and Elizabeth (Chapman) Kimball, who lived at No. 90. He was born in 1706, married Sarah Goodridge (from No. 63), and died in 1784, at the age of seventy-eight.

On one of the oaken posts of this house is engraved "1712." Probably this was the date of the erection of the house, but we do not know who built it, or who occupied it before Nathan Kimball took up his residence there.

Mr. Kimball had eight children, one of whom, Nathan, jr., born in 1749, married Mary Poor of Newbury in 1770, and settled on this place. They had three children: Asa, who graduated at Brown University in 1796, and died in 1801; Stephen; and Mary (or Polly) who married Jonathan Foster, and lived at No. 92. Mrs. Kimball spent the last of her days with her daughter, Mrs. Foster.

Mr. Kimball was succeeded on the homestead by his son Stephen, who married Elizabeth Hasselton of Haverhill in 1795, and died in 1813. They had several children, one of whom, Harriet, married Samuel Fowler, who was born in Salisbury in 1792. After Mr. and Mrs. Fowler's marriage, they lived first in Bradford, then moved to this place, and made many repairs and alterations. He did quite a business here in the manufacture of shoes. He was a youthful acquaintance of Hon. Caleb Cushing, and always his fast friend. He died in 1881, at the great age of eighty-nine. His wife had preceded him to the grave about four years and a half. Among the children of Mr.

Fowler are Nathan K., who resides at No. 291, and Stephen K., who has returned to the old homestead after many years' residence in Rome.

89.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN T. WOOD.—A few feet east of the residence of the late Capt. Enoch Wood was an old cellar, where stood the most ancient house in this neighborhood. It was doubtless built by Moses Tyler about 1666. He was born in Andover, probably in 1642, and was son of Job and Mary of that place, and it is thought that his father lived here in the house with Moses. Quartermaster Moses Tyler married Prudence, a daughter of George Blake (who lived at No. 242), by whom he had eight children. She died in 1689, and he afterward married Martha —, who died in 1735, at the age of eighty-six. His son Moses lived in Andover. Mr. Tyler was living in 1712, but it is not known just when his death occurred.

His son John was his successor on the old place. He was born here in 1669, married Anna Messenger of Boston, and was a sea-captain a long term of years. His wife died in 1746, aged sixty-nine, and he followed her suddenly in 1756, at the age of eighty-seven. They had ten children.

Capt. John Tyler built a new house where the present house stands, some little time before his death, but he always lived in the old house. He may have built this house for his son Gideon when he was married in 1748. We know no more of the old house.

Gideon Tyler lived in the new house, and, about 1775, built an addition to it, again adding to it a short time before his death. He was born in 1712, and married Mehitable Tyler in 1748, being quite a prominent man, ensign in the militia, etc. They had eight children. His wife died in 1777, and his death occurred in 1800, at the age of eighty-seven.





RESIDENCE OF THE LATE CAPT. ENOCH WOOD.



He was succeeded on the old place by his son John Tyler, who was born in 1751, a twin, and married in 1791 Mercy, a daughter of Isaac Adams, who lived in No. 84. His daughter Mehitable married Capt. Enoch Wood, and after Mr. Tyler's death, Captain Wood retired from the sea and settled on the place, which has since been known by the Wood name. Mrs. Wood's sister, Miss Mercy Tyler, died there in 1880, at the age of eighty-seven.

Captain Wood died in 1882 at the age of eighty-four, a gentleman honored, revered and loved. His widow has recently followed him. Here was born his son Enoch Frank, a teacher, whose lovely traits of character embalm his memory.

The present occupants of the place are Captain Wood's children, John T. Wood and Rebecca T. Wood.

90.

RESIDENCE OF LUCY S. KIMBALL.—The farm on which the late Moses Kimball resided was settled in the seventeenth century. Near his house, a little to the southeast, the foundation of an old chimney was unearthed several years ago. There stood the residence of John Kimball, who settled in Boxford as early as 1669. He made his will in 1718, and it was proved in 1721. In it he gave this place to his son John, entailed to John's children. Corporal Kimball, by his wife Sarah, had seven children, two sons and five daughters.

Miss Lucy S. Kimball, the present owner, writes that the next house that was built on this place stood on the opposite side of the road, a little to the southwest.

Mr. Kimball's son John took up his residence on this farm. He was born in 1685, married Elizabeth Chapman in 1705, and had one son and six daughters. He died in 1763, aged seventy-eight.

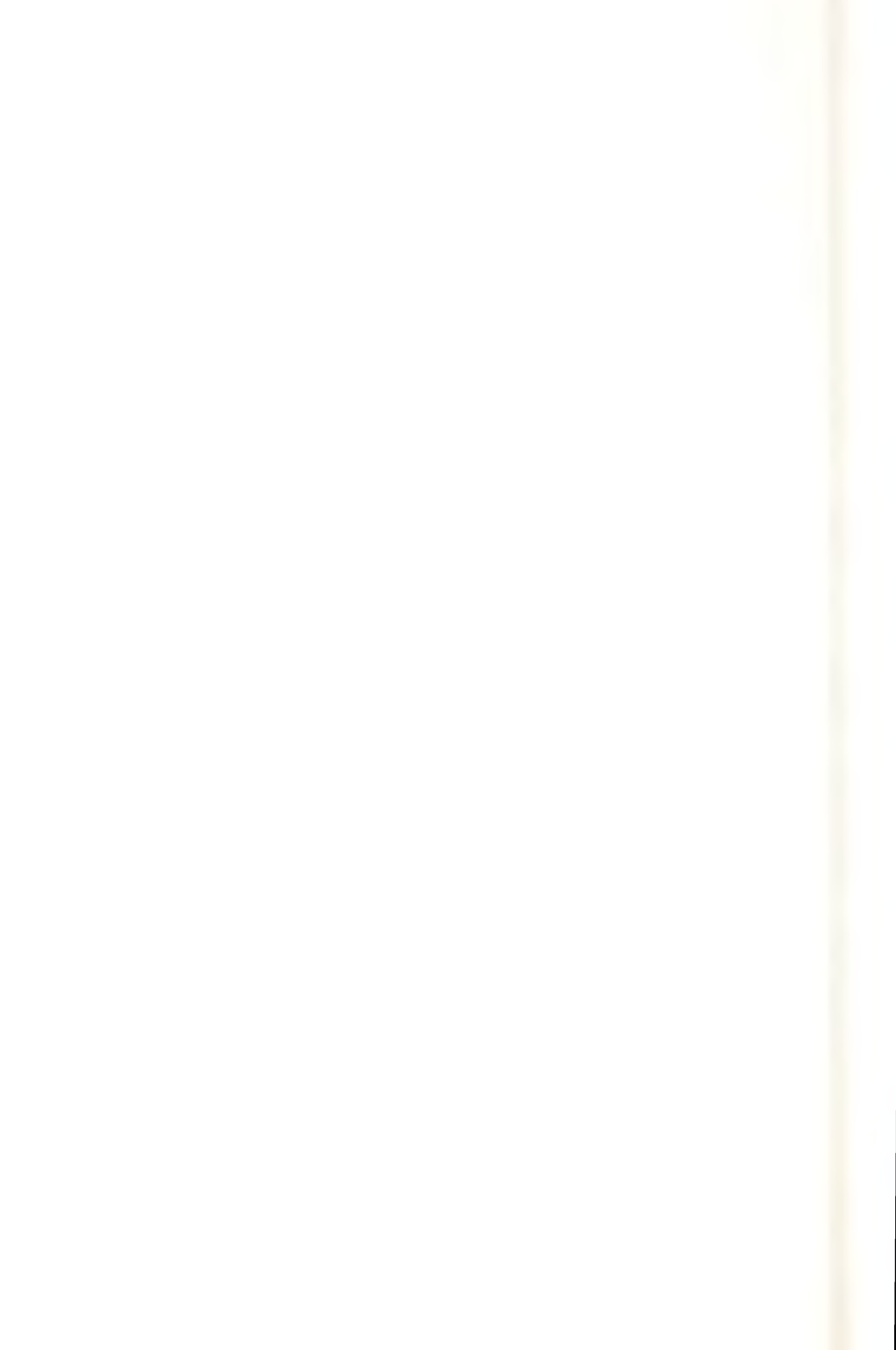


He was succeeded on the place by his only son Nathan, who was born in 1706, married Sarah Goodridge, from No. 63, in 1730, and had four sons and four daughters. Removing to No. 88, which house he may have built, he died in 1784, aged seventy-eight. Two of the sons died in infancy; another, Nathan, settled at No. 88.

The other son, Moses Kimball, succeeded his father on this farm. He was born in 1740, married Rebecca Poor of Newbury, and in 1766 built this house. He had two sons and two daughters. He served in the Revolution, and when away on an expedition his boys were engaged in making a sled for their steers. The large elm tree now standing in the dooryard was then small, and the boys began to cut it down, thinking it would make a fine neb for their sled. But they were discovered by their mother and the chopping was stopped just in season to save the life of the tree. Mr. Kimball died in 1795, and his widow married, secondly, John Runnells of Bradford, and died in 1821. Mr. Kimball's son Samuel, the first child born in this house, his birth occurring Jan. 18, 1767, built a house at No. 92 in 1794, lived there a few years, then removed to that part of Bradford which is now Groveland, and as long as his brother John lived always spent his birthday at the old place.

The other son, John Kimball, born in 1769, settled on the old place, which his father deeded to him in 1792. He married Ruth Eastman of Haverhill, N. H., in 1792, and died in 1850, at the age of eighty. He had two sons and six daughters.

The eldest son Moses, born in 1798, succeeded his father on the homestead and married Mary Stone, daughter of Rev. Peter Eaton in 1833. She died in 1846, and he in 1879, at the age of eighty-one. Their only child, Miss Lucy Stone Kimball, has since resided upon the place.



91.

JONATHAN FOSTER CELLAR.—An old cellar was unearthed a few years ago a short distance west of the residence of Mrs. J. Edwards Foster (No. 92). The house that stood here was built in 1730 by Jonathan Foster on his return from Haverhill, where he had been living. He was a son of Jonathan Foster, and was born in Boxford in 1694. The walls of the old house were filled in with bricks, and some of the windows were of diamond-shaped panes, set in lead. Mr. Foster married Hannah Peabody and had five children.

His son Jonathan, born in Haverhill in 1727, married Rebecca Dorman from No. 119, and settled here on the old place. Another son Richard lived at No. 156. Jonathan (jr.) was in the French and Indian war of 1759 in the company of Capt. Israel Herrick of Boxford. His journal kept on the expedition to Canada is in the possession of Mrs. M. F. Howe of Methuen. Mrs. Foster died in 1794, at the age of sixty-one, and the following is her epitaph:

"Beneath this stone rests the mortal part
Of her who' once delighted every heart
How good she was and what her virtues were
Her guardian angel can alone declare
The friend that now this little tribute pays
Too exquisitely feels to speak her praise."

Captain Foster lived here till the house was considered unsafe, and then resided with his eldest son Israel Foster in No. 93, where he died in 1813, at the age of eighty-five. He had six children, Israel, who lived at No. 93; Charles, who lived in Andover; Betsey; Amasa, who settled in Weare, N. H.; Jonathan, who lived at No. 92; and Phineas, who was a merchant, having settled in Boston in 1805.



The house remained uninhabited for some time, and was taken down in 1814 or 1815.

This farm is said to have been at some time in the possession of Zebadiah Foster.

92.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. SUSAN R. FOSTER.—Where the late Jonathan Edwards Foster resided stood a house built by Samuel Kimball in 1794. It was owned and occupied by Jonathan Foster in 1800, and was burned on Wednesday night, November 27, 1811. The present house was built by Mr. Foster the following year. He was born in 1774, being the son of Jonathan Foster, who lived in No. 91, and married Mary Kimball, from No. 88, in 1800. She died in 1854, and he in 1856, at the age of eighty-two. They had six children.

Mr. Foster was succeeded on the place by his son Jonathan Edwards Foster, who was born here in 1815, married in 1843 Susan R., daughter of the late venerable Benjamin Peabody, who lived in No. 260, and died of the small-pox in 1867. They had five children. Since her husband's death Mrs. Foster has resided on the place, and, with her son Reginald D. Foster, carried on the farm.

93.

RESIDENCE OF SAMUEL SIAS.—The house in which Mr. Samuel Sias resides was doubtless built by Israel Foster about 1794. He was a son of Capt. Jonathan Foster, was born in No. 92 in 1765 and married Mehitable Carleton. He was a prominent man, representing the town in the General Court three years, 1815-1817.

Benjamin French bought the place of Mr. Foster's heirs in April, 1856, removed from the Holyoke house (No. 226), and resided here until July, 1872, when he sold



out to Mr. Sias, who with his son John has resided here since that time.

94.

RESIDENCE OF B. FORD PARSONS. — Joseph Stickney Tyler, born in No. 81 in 1776, being son of Abraham and Abigail (Stickney) Tyler, probably built this house. He married, in 1798, Hannah Nelson of Rowley, who lived with her parents a few rods beyond the old turnpike gate in Linebrook parish. Her father was Joseph Nelson from Georgetown, then a part of Rowley, and her mother, Hannah Wallingford of Groveland, then a part of Bradford. Mrs. Tyler died in 1832. They had eight children, three of whom died in infancy (Hannah, Ancill and a babe three days old), and five lived to be old, viz.: Hannah, wife of the late Richard Spofford, Mary, Abigail S., Roxanna and Ira S. Mr. Tyler resided in this house awhile, and then removed to No. 73. It ultimately came into the possession of Bradstreet Tyler, who in 1832 sold it to Benjamin McLaughlin of Rowley. The next year Mr. McLaughlin sold it to Ezra Town of Boxford, who sold it in 1836 to Richard Spofford of Boxford. In 1841 Mr. Spofford sold to Charles F. Kimball of Boxford, who now resides in Lynn. In 1844 Mr. Kimball built an addition to the house and otherwise improved the place, residing on it until 1870, when he conveyed it to Charles H. Jackman of Haverhill who, the next year, sold it to Mrs. Laura Ham of Georgetown, who owned it five years. In 1876, she sold it to Mr. Charles C. Hilton of Lynn, who resided upon the place until September, 1882, when he sold out to Warren B. Pitts of Lynn. Mr. Pitts lived here till his death in 1887. His widow, who was the executrix of his will, as such, sold the place the same year to Mr. B. Ford Parsons of Natick, and removed to Lynn. Mr. Parsons has since resided upon the place.



95.

RESIDENCE OF D. LEWIS ADAMS.—This house was owned by Bradstreet Tyler before 1795, as in that year he conveys the place, with the buildings thereon, to Daniel Kimball of Boxford for £350. Mr. Kimball removed to Newbury, and in 1803 sold the place to Moody Perley, who removed here from the old Killam house (No. 32). Several of his children were born here.

In 1820, Mr. Perley sold out to Bradstreet Tyler of Boxford, and removed from the place. In 1824, on Christmas day, Mr. Tyler sold the farm to Flint Tyler of Boxford, a shoemaker by trade, and originally from Bradford, where he had married Jerusha Hardy of that place in 1815.

Flint Tyler sold out to James Nason of North Andover in 1858, and Mr. Nason to David Ambrose of Lawrence in 1861. Mr. Ambrose went into the army, and while at Port Hudson, La., gave a power of attorney to George P. Wilson of Lawrence to sell this place, and he conveyed it in 1863, to John J. Leighton of Middleton, N. H. Mr. Leighton, who was then living in North Andover, in 1868 conveyed the place to Joseph B. Adams of Boxford. Mr. Adams removed to Lynn, and in 1872 sold to Daniel Adams, who had just come from the Dominion of Canada and settled upon this place. He died in 1875, at the age of sixty-seven years. His grandfather was a native of Massachusetts. Since Mr. Adams' death, his widow and family have resided on the farm, his son D. Lewis Adams carrying it on.

96.

OLD TYLER CELLAR.—Across the highway from the Adams house (No. 95) is an old cellar. A Tyler family



lived there, and the late Mrs. Enoch Wood thought it was that of the grandfather of the late Capt. John Tyler. The house that stood over the cellar has probably been gone a century.

97.

RICHARD SPOFFORD HOUSE.—Before 1770, Asa Tyler owned the Richard Spofford farm, and probably lived there. He sold the place to Jonathan Wood who lived at No. 78, and Mr. Wood by his will, dated Dec. 13, 1779, and proved Sept. 3, 1781, devised to "my son David the house bought of Asa Tyler and the barn which I built on the south side of the way." David was born in 1748, and resided here. He probably took down the old house, and built the present one. He died here about 1820, being unmarried.

His mind was greatly troubled by what he conceived to be a terrible sin, of which he was guilty, and he became fearful that he would not be forgiven. At last he confessed the matter to one of his friends. Dr. Amos Spofford who lived on Baldpate hill, in what is now Georgetown, had a great barn one hundred feet long; and Mr. Wood wished that he might have one as large and as good as that. It was this sin of covetousness or envy that worried his scrupulous conscience.

In 1822, Eliphalet Wood of Loudon, N. H., probably a brother and an heir of Mr. Wood, sold the farm to Wingate Ilsley of Rowley. Mr. Ilsley, still of Rowley, conveyed it to Richard Spofford of Boxford April 13, 1824, and on the sixth of the following month Mr. Spofford was married in the house to Hannah Tyler.

Mr. Spofford was born in No. 82 in 1797, being son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Foster) Spofford, and brother of the late Capt. Aaron Spofford. Mr. Spofford died here in 1864, and his widow at No. 90 in 1891. They had



seven children, one of whom, Thomas Little Spofford, remains in town.

The cider mill across the road was built in 1830, and the barn was destroyed by fire in February, 1873.

A part of the land was purchased by Miss Adams in 1880, but the remainder of the farm still belongs to Mr. Spofford's heirs. The house has been unoccupied for many years.

98.

RESIDENCE OF CHARLES A. STETSON.—The old house which stood on the site of the residence of Mr. Stetson was built by Jacob Wood, son of Daniel Wood, the first settler in Boxford of the name of Wood, about 1715. He died in 1731, and his brother John was appointed administrator. He had one hundred and forty acres of land in Boxford, and other lands in Ashford, Conn., and Suncook, N. H. The homestead was settled on Nathan, the only son that grew to manhood. Only four children out of a family of eight survived him. The other three were Hannah, who married Joshua Andrews; Bridget, who married John Pemberton of Rowley; and Phebe, who married Job Tyler of Haverhill.

Nathan Wood, who succeeded his father on the homestead, was born in 1721, and married his cousin Elizabeth Wood in 1746.

Dr. Jeremiah Spofford, who remembered the old house here about 1795, wrote of it as follows:—"This house by the side of the pond I well remember, with its low-descending lean-to; and its long ladder reaching from the ground to the chimney was ever in its place, that they might the more readily quench the sparks and cinders which often circled above the chimney-top in the cold winter evenings."



Mr. Wood died in 1804, at the age of eighty-three. In his will, which was made in 1801, he gives his land and buildings and his stock of cattle, horses, sheep and swine to his only surviving son Moses. He had eight children: Moses; Sarah; Dolly, who married Jacob Perley; Phebe, who married John Barker, 3d, of Andover; Jacob; Lydia, who married Amos Gould; Betty; and Hannah, who married Jacob Hazen of Bridgton, Me.

Moses Wood, who succeeded his father on the place, was born here in 1748, and married, in 1778, Sarah Barker of Andover. Mr. Wood became depressed in mind, and at length hung himself in his house in 1810, at the age of sixty-two. The fact that his parents were cousins was fixed upon as the cause of his suicidal end. His family continued to reside upon the place. He had ten children, two sons and eight daughters, and of them, Sally married Col. Joseph L. Lowe; Dolly married his brother Gen. Solomon Lowe; Betsey and Pamelty never married and lived in Danvers; and Lucy married Benjamin Abbott and lived in Providence, R. I.

The old house was blown down in the terrific gale of September 23, 1815, and the family immediately erected the present house. About 1830, they removed to Danvers, and tenants occupied the house, John Brown being the only one we have heard of who lived here for a considerable length of time. He moved to this place from No. 205, and carried on the butchering business several years.

The heirs sold the farm April 1, 1837, to Seth Stetson, a blacksmith of Danvers, for \$1600, and John Brown immediately removed to No. 242. Widow Wood died in Danvers the next year, at the age of eighty-four.

Mr. Stetson moved here and carried on the farm as long as he lived. He was born in Hanover in 1773, and died here of dropsy in 1851, at the age of seventy-eight.



After Mr. Stetson's death, his son George lived on the place, where his children were born. He died in 1869, aged forty-eight. His family have since resided upon the farm, his son Charles A. Stetson being the present owner and occupier.

99.

RESIDENCE OF REV. WILLIAM P. ALCOTT.—This house was erected by Dr. William Hale about 1770. In that year, he married Anna Porter of Danvers, and commenced the practice of physic in Boxford, where he was born in 1741, being son of Thomas Hale. He died in 1785, in his forty-fourth year, leaving two young daughters. The following obituary notice of Mr. Hale is found in the *Salem Gazette* for August 16, 1785:—

“On the 6th Instant died at Boxford, after a long indisposition, Dr. William Hale, in the 44th year of his age; who, for almost twenty years, was a skilful, faithful and successful physician. His loss is already regretted, and it is apprehended will be more sensibly felt in the circle of his late practice, which was not confined.”

Doctor Hale's widow married Capt. William Perley who lived at No. 75. Captain Perley sold the place to Samuel Holyoke in 1801, and in 1814 he sold out to Tobias Davis, a sea-captain of Salem. In 1826, Captain Davis returned to Salem, and sold the place to Col. Charles Peabody. Colonel Peabody at that date obtained the commission of postmaster, and, buying of James Whittemore his store at the Holyoke place, moved it to his residence, where he opened his store and post-office.

Colonel Peabody removed to Barre, Illinois, in 1837. While Rev. John Whitney preached here he boarded with Mr. Peabody. In the year mentioned Mr. Peabody sold to Elisha G. Bunker, who for a year had kept a tavern at No. 242 in West Boxford. Here he continued the store and post-office until about 1866, when he removed to Sa-



lem. One of his successors in the government office thus wrote of him about ten years ago :

"He came to this place to live some forty-three years ago, and the familiar sign that hung upon his store, which read 'E. G. Bunker, W. I. Goods,' is, I doubt not, well remembered by all who used to journey through our town in the stages which were run in those days, either by Pinkham, or Hilliard, or Pickett. Mr. Bunker served in the war of 1812, and received a pension.

"We desire to speak more especially of Mr. Bunker's qualities as a townsman and a neighbor. During his thirty years residence in Boxford, the humble individual now writing was his nearest neighbor, and we always found him to be a quiet, peaceable man, content to mind his own business, kind and obliging. . . . He was postmaster here over fourteen years, and then, as now, in this town a man's tenure of office did not depend upon his political views. Mr. Bunker was a thorough Democrat in politics. Our town was decidedly Whig in those days, but the majority were so magnanimous that Mr. Bunker was removed from office but twice, we believe,—once in General Harrison's term and once in General Taylor's. But in both cases Mr. Bunker managed to keep a foothold or gain a position, so that in a short time he easily 'routed the enemy.' And as in those days our town was decidedly Whig, so now it is Republican. Notwithstanding this, we have one of the most unyielding, defiant Democrats for postmaster."

The next owner and occupant of the place was John B. Twisden, who conveyed it to John S. Sayward of Augusta, Maine, in 1869. Mr. Sayward came here to pass the remainder of his days. He died in 1875, at the age of seventy.

Mr. Sayward was born in Newburyport, but removed to



Bangor, Me., about 1830, and was one of the founders of the *Bangor Whig*. For about twenty years he was editor of that paper, an excellent journal in every way. About the year 1856, the old firm of Smith and Sayward having been broken up, Mr. Sayward bought the interest of the Hon. J. G. Blaine in the *Kennebec Journal*, and removed to Augusta. His connection with that journal continued about twelve years, until his removal to Boxford. He set a very high estimate upon the power of the public press, and was governed in all that he wrote by a deep and real sense of his responsibility. What he was as an editor he was in private—faithful, loyal and genial, with quick perception of what was true and beautiful, and with an extraordinary love for the young and a never-failing fund of sympathy and charity for them. No man was ever more respected and loved by those whom he employed, or made them more his companions and friends without laying aside his dignity, and his sparkling good humor and beautifully even temper were proverbial in the society of the two cities of Maine, where the greater part of his life was spent.

Mr. Sayward embraced the doctrines of the New Church, or Swedenborgians, and held to them with characteristic enthusiasm. But his heart was light and liberal, and there was not a tinge of narrowness or sectarianism in his composition.

The family of Mr. Sayward continued to reside upon the place until about 1880, when Col. Fred Galbraith, Mr. Sayward's son-in-law, removed to San Diego, Cal. After that time the house remained unoccupied until the homestead was sold to Rev. William P. Alcott in 1883. He now resides here.

As is usual with most old places, there is more or less romance attached to this, from a tale that has come down through the many decades that this old house is haunted. It is said that after Dr. Hale's death, at the weird hour of



midnight, his pestle could be heard grinding imaginative herbs and drugs in the mortar.

100.

RESIDENCE OF F. D. ALLEN.—Josiah Woodbury bought the land on which this house stands of John Butman in October, 1816, and erected the house the next year, taking up his abode therein.

We have been informed that the widow of Phineas Rundlett also lived in this house at the time of her marriage with Amos Perley in 1823.

Mr. Woodbury died at his son-in-law Captain Davis' (No. 99) in 1843, at the age of eighty-nine.

While the place was in the possession of the heirs of Mr. Woodbury, the house was occupied by Daniel Wells who lived there several years before 1847, and died in 1855, at the age of fifty-two, and by the late Ancill Dorman, Esq., from 1847 to 1850.

Isaiah Woodbury of Salem, master mariner, left two children Nathaniel A. and Isaiah. Their mother and guardian, Susan A. Woodbury, sold her and their interest in the place in 1845 to Francis A. Fabens, Esq., of Boston. Mr. Fabens sold out to John Clifton of Salem in 1847, and Mr. Clifton sold to Phineas W. Barnes of Boxford in 1849.

Mr. Barnes was then living at No. 37, and he moved to this place, where he continued his business of butchering, building the present barn for a slaughter house. In 1858, being afflicted with rheumatism he discontinued the business of a butcher and from that time till 1865 kept a grocery store where Mr. F. A. Howe now carries on the same business. Mr. Barnes then opened a grocery in North Andover, where he continued in the trade until 1872-73, when he removed to Denver, Col. He has been engaged in business there since that time.

In 1866, Mr. Barnes conveyed the house and lot to



Asher C. Palmer of Boston, who resided here until 1883, when the place was sold to Mr. Frederic D. Allen, professor of philology in Harvard college, who has since spent his summers here.

101.

RESIDENCE OF S. A. BIXBY.—The late Deacon Samuel Bixby built this house in 1828. Before that date he, with his parents, had resided at the Holyoke place, having removed there from No. 163. They all removed to this new house as soon as it was ready for occupancy. Mr. Bixby was married in 1830 to Eleanor E. Johnson of Andover, and eleven days later his father (Gideon Bixby) died. His mother died in 1837. Here Deacon Bixby lived till his death, which occurred in 1881, at the age of eighty-two. His wife had died a short time previous. His son Stephen A. Bixby succeeded him on the place, and still resides there.

102.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. SALLY REA.—This house was erected by the late Jeremiah Rea, being raised June 28, 1840, on land purchased of Richard K. Foster in the fall of 1838. He resided in it until his death in 1890, and his widow until her death in 1891, at the age of eighty-three.

103.

THE TODD HOUSE.—The new town hall was erected in 1890 over the cellar of the old academy which was built about 1825, as a place for holding meetings, by the Third religious society, which had just been established. In 1826, Major Jacob Peabody, a merchant of Boston and a native of Boxford, was instrumental in incorporating the



building into a school-house. The school was private, and of an academical grade. Through Major Peabody's influence, the academy flourished for two or three years. On Sundays, preaching was carried on in the interest of the disaffected members of the church. The preaching was sometimes by the professors of the academy, and by "reverend" gentlemen, among whom was one Robertson. Their doctrines were very liberal. The first professor in the academy was Mr. Leavenworth. From a section of one of the early printed catalogues, the date of which is gone, we learn that the examining committee were Rev. Brown Emerson of Salem, Rev. Jared Reid of Reading, and Mr. Levi Pratt, Mr. Giles Lyman and Mr. Lucian Farnham of the Andover Theological Seminary. The prudential committee were Major Jacob Peabody and Col. Charles Peabody. T. I. Farnham was preceptor. About fifty students (of both sexes—the young gentlemen being but a small number in the majority) are catalogued.

The building was afterward remodelled into a dwelling-house, and was first occupied by Rev. William S. Coggin upon his settlement over the church here in 1838. In 1842 he built his present residence (No. 107) and removed to it the same year.

The house was afterward occupied by Maj. William Lowe and Mr. William G. Todd and Roscoe W. Gage respectively, until it was burned on the night of December 26, 1867, the last two named families then living there. The cellar remained uncovered until 1890, when the town hall was erected.

104.

RESIDENCE OF W. A. HOWE.—This house was erected by Mr. Edward Howe in 1841. The next year Mr. Howe's wife died, and in 1843 he exchanged this house for the



present residence of Mr. Daniel Bixby (No. 10), where Mr. Howe's brother, Mr. William Appleton Howe, resided. Mr. Edward Howe vacated the premises and his said brother moved in the same year and has since lived upon the place.

Mr. Edward Howe began his shoe business here.

In the north part of the house two or more families have resided. Two of them were those of Solomon W. Lowe and Benjamin Kenney.

105.

THE ABBIE BACON HOUSE.—The present public library building in the East parish was built as a dwelling house by Mrs. Abigail Bacon, widow of Dr. Josiah Bacon, thirty-five years ago. The carpenters were the late Samuel N. and Deacon Joshua Ayers; the mason, Nicholas Tuttle; the hod-carrier, Andrew Berry; and the late Amos Stevens was the one employed to bank up the house.

The shed used to stand, roofless, near the old church, and it is said had been originally annexed to the church of the "dissenters" across the street. In this shed the youth of the neighborhood played at "hide and seek" until it was moved to Mrs. Bacon's house, on rollers, by Elisha G. Bunker.

Mrs. Bacon died in 1868, and then her daughter Abbie resided in the house till her decease in 1878. The house was bought by the library association soon after, and fitted up for its present use.

106.

RESIDENCE OF I. W. NORWOOD.—This house was erected by Jefferson Kimball in 1840. He came from North Andover, and bought the house lot of Daniel and Dean Andrews, with the shop thereon. He settled here, and worked



in the shop blacksmithing. He served the town as representative in the legislature, and was a prominent man in town affairs, until he sold the place to Mr. William H. Kimball of Boxford in 1871, when he removed to Fitchburg, where he died in 1879. The purchaser resided here until 1879, when he removed to Danvers Centre, where he has since lived. He sold the place in 1878 to Mr. William B. Howe, who shortly after disposed of it to Miss Mary Perley of Salem. In 1888 it came into the possession of Mr. I. Walter Norwood, who now resides here. See No 110.

.107.

RESIDENCE OF REV. W. S. COGGIN. — Rev. William Symmes Coggin of Tewksbury was settled over the First church in Boxford in 1838. He resided first in No. 103, and in 1842 built the house in which he has since lived. He resigned his pastorate in 1868.

108.

RESIDENCE OF S. F. AYERS. — This house was built by Samuel N. Ayers for himself in 1844. Mr. Ayers was a native of Wolfsboro', N. H., and his wife, who was Miss Lucy P. Fuller, was born in Salem, N. H. It was occupied by him until his death in 1873, at the age of fifty-four. Since that time his son, S. Frank, has resided here. Mr. Ayers was a carpenter, and several of the modern houses in this vicinity were erected under his supervision.

Several families have resided in the northwestern part of the house, among them being those of Solomon W. Lowe and Rufus W. Emerson.

109.

RESIDENCE OF P. STROUT. — The house that formerly stood upon the site of Mr. Strout's new house was erected



by a company of proprietors in 1852, and after it was finished was sold at auction, being bid off by Alfred Brown. Mr. Brown manufactured shoes and lived here some years. Daniel Russell removed here from Bald hill (No. 117), and was the first occupant of the northern half of the house, living here from the fall of 1852. He removed to No. 118 about 1855, when Mr. Brown sold the place to Messrs. Nathaniel Grant Spiller and Peter Strout, and went to New Hampshire. Upon partition Mr. Strout took the northern half and Mr. Spiller the southern half. Mr. Spiller died here in August, 1883, at the age of eighty-two and his widow continued to reside here. With the exception of a few years, when he was superintendent of the town farms of Boxford and North Andover, Mr. Strout resided in his half of the house. When Mr. Strout was away, his part of the house was occupied by Mr. William W. Dresser. The house was burned on the night of April 6, 1890. Mr. Strout immediately erected the present house upon the same site.

110.

RESIDENCE OF H. NEWHALL. — Mr. Henry Newhall built his house in 1872, and has since resided in it.

His blacksmith's shop was built by Thomas Dewksbury, who died, unmarried, in 1832, at the age of twenty-five. It stood originally between the residences of Messrs. I. W. Norwood and S. Frank Ayers, and was used there by Jefferson Kimball for many years (see No. 106). It was moved to its present site June 1, 1874, by Mr. Newhall.

111.

THE HOLYOKE MANSION. — The old Holyoke house occupies the site of the parsonage built by the town for the first minister of Boxford, Rev. Thomas Symmes. In April, 1701, the town voted to build him a house 48 x 20 feet,

two stories in height, with a back-room of 16 or 18 feet square. The house was finished and taken possession of by Mr. Symmes in July, 1702. Here he lived until his dismissal in 1708, and four of his children were born here.

Rev. John Rogers, the successor of Mr. Symmes, settled here immediately after Mr. Symmes went away, and continued to reside in this house until his removal from Boxford in 1743. He afterward resided with his son, Rev. John Rogers, who was settled at Leominster, and died there in 1755. Mr. Rogers had nine children, all born here, and all baptized in the little ancient church that stood on the hill north of his residence.

Mr. Rogers' son Benjamin lived in this house after him. Benjamin married, first, Mrs. Alice (Perley) Foster, widow of Thomas Foster, by whom he had eight children. She died, and he married, second, Lois Perue in 1751. By her he became the father of two children. He died in March, 1761, and his widow married, in December of the same year, Ephraim Houghton of Lancaster, to which place she doubtless removed. Some say that Mr. Houghton belonged in Harvard, the publishment on the Boxford town records calls him of Lancaster, and his marriage record in Harvard calls him of that town. However, nothing more is known of her and little of her children, who doubtless removed with her wherever she went.

In 1759, two years before his death, Mr. Rogers (the rest of the heirs having quitclaimed to him their interest in the estate) sold the house and lot to Rev. Elizur Holyoke, who was settled over the church here in that year. The next year the old house was taken down and the present one erected by Mr. Holyoke's father, Samuel Holyoke, a merchant of Boston. Rev. Mr. Holyoke afterward resided in the new house.



Rev. Elizur Holyoke was born in Boston in 1731, and was a nephew of Edward Holyoke, president of Harvard college, and a great-grandson of Elizur Holyoke of Springfield, for whom Mount Holyoke was named.¹ Rev. Mr. Holyoke died after a paralytic illness of thirteen years, in 1806, at the age of seventy-four. His widow, who was Hannah, daughter of Rev. Oliver Peabody of Natick, survived him two years.

Stephen Gould moved Mrs. Holyoke from Natick to Boxford upon her marriage in 1759, and he was the only person she knew in church the next Sabbath except her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Holyoke had eight children, namely, Samuel, Samuel, Elizur, Elizabeth, Oliver Peabody, Edward, Hannah and Charles. The second Samuel was the distinguished musical composer and publisher. He produced "*Harmonia Americana*," "*The Instrumental Assistant*," "*The Columbian Repository of Sacred Harmony*." Like most of those who have become deservedly distinguished he died poor and without a home. After the other children had all gone Hannah continued to reside in the old house until 1865, when she died at the age of ninety-one. She was never married, and during her lifetime a part of the house was occupied by different tenants, among whom was Benjamin French.

In 1866, Miss Holyoke's executors sold the place to Mr. Elvin French, the well-known musician, then residing in Lowell but who was born in this house, being son of Benjamin French above named. Mr. French has now lived here several years.

Decay was fast creeping upon the old mansion, and but for the reviving hand of Mr. French, it must have soon been numbered with the things that are gone. Mr. French has put in new timbers, new windows and doors, and re-

¹See Holland's *Bay Path*.



paired it all through, but in such a manner as to allow all that is interesting in it to remain. Strangers desire to frequent the old house, and examine its passages, halls, and numerous rooms, each containing some curious work of antiquity. Of this mansion, Mrs. Martha L. Emerson wrote several years ago :

"'Neath sheltering elms the ancient dwelling stands
Where several highways socially clasp hands;
Its general air speaks of the 'auld lang syne,'
And years have left their marks in many a line.

"The moss-grown shingles, broken and decayed;
The loosened clapboards, where the winds have played;
The shattered window-panes, the door-stone low,—
All tell the story of the long ago.

"Within, what tales those mouldering walls could tell,
If they could break their silence' mighty spell,—
Of childhood, age, of happiness and tears,
Of life and death, through all these hundred years!

"Old sunken floors, by many footsteps worn;
Paper once gay, but mildewed now and torn;
The embellished doorways, and the panelled hall,
The generations of the past recall.

"Two antique portraits, older than we know,—
Perchance were old a century ago,—
Hang in the upper hall; faint shadows they
Of faces long since passed from earth away.

"Up narrow winding attic stairs we climb,
To see the only gleam a bygone time
Has left of horror in this lonely place,
Which soon will crumble, and will leave no trace.

"From a high beam there still suspends a rope,
Where, years ago, some one bereft of hope
Essayed to end her life; but all in vain:
Life's rugged pathway she must walk again."

112.

RESIDENCE OF D. W. CONANT.— Mr. Daniel W. Conant's house was erected in 1835 by Dea. Putnam Perley, who lived here about a year, and then went to the West,

settling in Pecatonica, Ill. He was a son of Artemas W. Perley, and was born at No. 14 in 1810.

Deacon Perley sold the place in 1836 to Frederic Perley of Danvers, who conveyed it in 1840 to Leonard Perley of Boxford, a son of Henry Perley, having been born in No. 56 in 1800.

In 1851, the house was struck by lightning, and the following account of it appeared in the *Salem Gazette* at the time:—

“In Boxford, 9 o'clock Friday evening August 22, 1851, the house of Leonard Perley was struck with lightning and slightly injured. The fluid descended the kitchen chimney, and struck Mr. Perley who was sitting near the fire-place. His arm and leg were scorched and he was stunned, but was speedily restored by the application of cold water. The lightning passed over the bell pull to the front door, which it shattered. Two girls who were in the entry were much affected by the electricity.”

Mr. Perley died there in 1857, “respected and lamented.” By his wife Mary, daughter of Nathaniel Wells, he had six children, none of whom now live in Boxford. His daughter Julia Ann married Samuel A. Cummings, the well-known shoe-knife manufacturer.

In 1857, Mr. Conant purchased the place and has since occupied it.

113.

RESIDENCE OF S. W. HOWE.—A little farther east from where the house of Mr. Solomon W. Howe now stands was the residence of William Foster, one of the earliest settlers of Boxford. He was a son of Reginald Foster of Ipswich, an emigrant from England, where William was born in 1633. The house was built about 1660. In 1687, Mr. Foster was licensed to keep an *ordinary*, and the town meetings were held here until the meeting house was built in 1702. Mr. Foster was an important man in the town and doubtless there was much of interest that clung around this early settlement. Mr. Foster died in 1713, at the age



of eighty. By his wife, Mary, daughter of William Jackson of Rowley, he had nine children.

His son Samuel Foster, who was born at this place in 1682, succeeded him on the homestead. He married Mary Macoon of Cambridge in 1703, and died in 1747. They had six children, the fourth of whom was William.

William Foster, the son, was born in 1713, and resided here. He married, first, ———, who was the mother of his son William and, second, Mary Clark of York, Me., in 1747, by whom he had two children, Hannah and Samuel. In March, 1756, he sold the place to Jonathan Bixby of Boxford, and removed to Newbury.

Jonathan Bixby was son of Jonathan and Sarah (Smith) Bixby and was born in 1696. He married Ruth Fuller of Middleton in 1735, and they had fourteen children: 1. Nathaniel, who at the age of twenty was a private in the company of Capt. Israel Davis in the expedition against the fort at Crown Point in the French war in 1756. Nathaniel was taken sick at Fort Edward, and brought to the hospital at Albany. His uncle, Elias Bixby, was living at Sheffield, Mass., and hearing of Nathaniel's condition went to see him, and found him almost beyond hope of recovery. His uncle took him to his home in Sheffield, where by careful nursing and good doctoring, after a stay of five weeks, he was able to come home (in October of the above mentioned year), his uncle attending him the one hundred and sixty miles of the journey. 2. Elizabeth. 3. Sarah. 4. Huldah. 5. Eunice, who died in 1759, at the age of sixteen. 6. Annah. 7. Lucy, who died at the age of two years. 8. Nancy, who died young. 9. Lucy. 10. Apphia and 11. Mary (twins, Apphia married John Powers of Salem, and Mary, Daniel Perkins of Topsfield). 12. Ruth, who married Nehemiah Fuller. 13. David. 14. Jonathan.



Mr. Bixby sold this place to Asa Peabody of Boxford in 1771, and removed to Middleton, where he died in the winter of 1780-81.

Asa Peabody was a son of John Peabody, and was born in Boxford in 1741. He was the treasurer of the town for a long period. He died in 1807, and was the giver of, and first interred in, the cemetery near the church. The inscription upon his gravestone is as follows :

In memory of
Mr. Asa Peabody,
Obt. Oct. 19, 1807,
Act. 67.

Lived respected & died lamented.
First interred & giver of this ground.

Mr. Peabody married Susannah, the only daughter among the eleven children of Maj. Asa Perley, who lived in No. 6. Mr. Peabody had nine children.

Artemas Peabody (Asa's son) then lived here until 1816, when the place was purchased by Joshua French, a truckman of Salem, who had two daughters, the oldest of whom, Hannah, became the wife of Charles Bixby of Boxford.

The old house was struck by lightning June 25, 1820, and the following account of it was published in the *Salem Gazette* on the same week :—

“At Boxford, about 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, the house of Mr. Joshua French, formerly of this town was struck by lightning. It first struck the chimney, when it apparently separated, one branch entering the chimney, and the other passing outside the house, tearing off the shingles, &c. in its progress. The bra's top of a pair of tongs in the fire-place, was melted. Mr. French was sitting at a front window; the lightning shattered the casing against which his head was resting; he was thrown by the shock senseless on the floor, and remained speechless for about 15 minutes, every one supposing him to be dead, and his hair was considerably burnt. But he gradually recovered, and is now doing well. Several other persons in the house were stunned by the shock, but not severely injured.”

Mr. French sold the farm in 1825 to Daniel and Dean



Andrews, who lived here together nearly to the time of Daniel's marriage in 1844, their maiden sister, Mehitable, keeping house for them until Dean's marriage in 1838, after which time she moved home to her father's house, where she died in 1870.

Dean Andrews erected the present house in 1843, Samuel N. Ayers being the carpenter. Mr. Andrews died in 1869, and since that time his widow and son-in-law Mr. Howe, have resided there.

114.

W. FOSTER CELLAR.—About one-fourth of a mile easterly from No. 113, on land now belonging to the Dean Andrews estate, stood an old house. The cellar and well may still be seen. The house has probably been gone more than a century. The old people sixty years ago appeared to know nothing about it, or who lived here. The late Ancill Dorman once wrote: "Possibly William Foster (See No. 113) might have built here in the first place, and got burnt out."

115.

T. DORMAN CELLAR.—There is an old cellar and well some eighty or a hundred rods northeasterly of the residence of Mrs. Eunice A. Howe (No. 121), and about midway between Mrs. Howe's and the Dummell cellar (No. 122). It has been said that Timothy Dorman lived here a short time after his marriage with Eunice Burnham in 1754, and that his eldest child Eunice was born here. The writer knows nothing more of the place. (See No. 120.)

116.

OLD CONANT HOUSE.—The old Conant house was owned by Jacob Andrews in 1777, when he sold it to John Stiles of Boxford, blacksmith. It was afterward owned by



Samuel Peabody, who was also a blacksmith, and who died in 1824. He was a large muscular man, having great strength, which the practice of his trade helped to promote. William Gurley was living there at the time of Mr. Peabody's decease, Mr. Gurley's son Samuel Peabody having been born there.

The late Ancill Dorman thought that the house of Joseph Peabody stood here or a few feet east of *his* residence (No. 117). This Joseph Peabody was a son of Lt. Francis Peabody, and was born in Topsfield in 1644, settling in Boxford in 1671.

In 1823, Samuel Peabody sold the place to Samuel Andrews, who conveyed it in 1835 to the late Maj. William Lowe. The house was occupied most of the time that Mr. Andrews owned it by William Gurley and Stephen Hammond (who was, before and after his living here, of Topsfield) and his mother, who came here in 1828. They removed to the Nat Dorman house (No. 120).

Jesse Perley, jr., son of Jesse Perley who resided at No. 50, lived here from 1838 until his death which occurred in 1851, at the age of fifty-six. His widow, who was Sally, daughter of Simon Gould of Topsfield, survived him six years. The whole family had the small-pox there in 1841. Mrs. Perley's mother was Sally White, a lineal descendant of Peregrine White, who enjoyed the prerogative of being the first white person born in New England, and she possessed a silver spoon that belonged to her distinguished ancestor.

After the decease of Major Lowe in 1870 (who owned the property), it was sold at auction to Mr. Daniel W. Conant, who has since owned the place. It has recently been occupied by various families, among whom we remember those of Dexter Kenney, George Goodwin and Charles B. Tibbetts.



117.

RESIDENCE OF J. S. DORMAN.—This house, the residence of the late Ancill Dorman, Esq., was built in 1835 by Daniel and Dean Andrews, and was first occupied by Capt. William Lowe and Edward A. Chapman, both families living there several years. Mr. Dorman bought the premises in March, 1850, and took up his residence here early in the following month. Mrs. Sarah S. Hale also lived in this house for several years. Daniel Russell lived in one part of the house for a short time before the fall of 1852, when he removed to No. 109.

Mr. Dorman was a selectman of the town for nearly a score of years, and town clerk for ten years. He was a son of the late Moses Dorman, Esq., and was born at No. 119. He died here in 1886, and his widow followed him in 1889, since which time their adopted son Mr. John S. Dorman has resided on the place.

118.

RESIDENCE OF A. L. RUSSELL.—This house was built by Dean Andrews about 1830. Charles Perley, son of Henry Perley, who was born at No. 56 in 1811, lived here from about the time of his marriage in 1835. After several years he removed to Georgetown, where he died in 1877.

William Tufts purchased the place of Daniel and Dean Andrews, who then owned it together, soon after Mr. Perley moved away, and resided here from the time of his marriage with Lucy B. Towne in 1842. After two years his poor health rendering him unable to work longer at his trade of shoemaking, he conveyed the place back (in 1844) to the Messrs. Andrews and removed down East to try farming. He died in 1846, at the age of twenty-eight; then followed the deaths of his two children, and

his widow was gathered to the rest of the family in 1850, at the age of thirty.

The house was subsequently occupied by Isaac Frye, Joseph W. Moulton, William Reynolds, and perhaps others until 1853, when Daniel Russell moved here from No. 109, and continued to reside here until his death in 1878. He was a son of Peabody Russell, and was born on Bald hill in No. 135. Since his death the house has been owned and occupied by his son Mr. Arthur L. Russell. Mr. Russell was a well-known agent of a Lowell marble company for several years before his decease.

119.

THE MOSES DORMAN HOUSE.—This house was built originally by Timothy Dorman, a son of Thomas Dorman of Topsfield, where he was born in 1663. He married in 1688, and built this house immediately afterward. The present house bears very little resemblance to the original. Mr. Dorman died about 1740, at the age of seventy-six. By his wife Elizabeth Knowlton of Ipswich he had six children.

His son John settled on the homestead. He was born in 1696, and married in 1730. The year before his marriage he built on what is now the westerly portion of the house, in which he resided as long as his father lived. He died in 1775, at the age of seventy-nine. By his wife Rebecca Smith, who died in 1794 at the age of eighty-six, he had five children, one of whom, Rebecca, married Capt. Jonathan Foster and lived at No. 93.

His youngest son John, who was a deacon of the church, married and settled on the old place. He was born in 1738, and married Hannah Jackson of Rowley in 1762. He served in the Revolutionary war, and in the winter of 1777-78 was stationed at Winter Hill.



Following are copies of two letters he sent home to his wife. It seems that his mother was then alive and living with him.

“Winter Hill January the 2 : 1778.

“my Dear

“these Lines Come with my Love to you and to our Children and duty to our mother hoping they will find you well as they Leave me at this time Send me if you Can a blanket that mother offered me to Cary to the Lake or Some other for we have not Covering a nouf and Send me that Pillow that I laid upon at home if you Can Send my other Shirt and you may Send me Some Butter if you Can as well as not Send me word how you all are By Nathan Sticknee make your Selves as Comfortable as you Can and I have time to Rite no more at this time But I Remain your most affectionate husband

“John Dorman

“P S give your Self no uneasiness if you cannot Send me these things”

“February the 2 : 1778 my Dear these Lines Come With my tenderest Reguard to you and our family I have Sent two Shirts to be Washed By Seth Burnam and you may Send them by him Send me five or Six dollars by Serjent Andrew Peabody when he Comes for it and So No more at present I am in health.” (No signature.)

Deacon Dorman died in 1792, at the age of fifty-three. The following is a transcript from the death column in the *Salem Gazette* for April 10, 1792 :—

“At *Boxford*, Deacon *John Dorman*, aged 55 : he sustained the town offices of Clerk, Treaferer, and Selectman, and was a very uieful and worthy man.”

And the following obituary notice of Deacon Dorman is from the *Salem Gazette* for April 17, 1792 :—



"Boxford, April 10, 1792.

"Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth?

"Died, in this town, the 2d inst. aged 53, Deacon JOHN DORMAN; occasioned by a hurt he received the Saturday preceding: while loading some plank into a waggon, he unfortunately fell, which brought one of the plank with such force upon his body, as brought on a speedy dissolution.——In this man, independence & impartiality were conspicuous—testified by his constituents in placing him in offices important in the town. The tears shed at his interment, & the gloom which hung on the countenances of the multitude who paid their respects to his remains, emphatically announce his worth.—Fearing God as a man, and loving him as a christian, he met death, with dignity and comfort; not only knowing, but declaring, in whom he trusted."



THE MOSES DORMAN HOUSE.

His widow survived him thirty years, and died at the age of eighty-seven. They had six children, the second of whom was Moses, who became prominent in the town, as a member of the General Court, town clerk, selectman, etc., residing upon the homestead. He was born in 1765, married Huldah, daughter of Jacob Gould (who lived at



No. 138), in 1801, and died in 1850 at the age of eighty-four, leaving four children: Moses, who was prominent in town business and in the settlement of estates; Mrs. Benjamin Pike of Topsfield; Mrs. Benjamin French of Boxford; and Ancill, who resided in No. 117.

The late Moses Dorman, Esq., lived on the old place. He was born in 1803 and died in 1877. His widow, a third wife, survived him and died in 1880. Since her death the house has been occupied by summer tenants. Mr. Dorman's children were Mrs. J. H. Janes of Boxford; Moses H. of Brooklyn, N. Y., a merchant in New York city and a deacon of the Baptist church in Brooklyn; Mrs. John E. Herrick of Peabody; Franklin W. of New York city; and the late Thomas P. of Boxford.

120.

THE NAT DORMAN HOUSE.—This house was built about 1757 by Timothy Dorman, who was a son of John and Rebecca (Smith) Dorman, and who was born at No. 119 in 1730. Nathan Andrews (father of the late Dean, Daniel and Samuel Andrews), who was born in 1754, remembered seeing the frame up and partly boarded.

Timothy Dorman married Eunice Burnham of Lunenburg in 1754. She was born in Boxford in 1735, and was a daughter of Nathaniel Burnham. Mr. Burnham removed with his family to Lunenburg about 1750; and in 1771 he was living in Bolton. His son Reuben Burnham lived first at Lunenburg; in 1758, removed to Ipswich; in 1764, to Winchendon; in 1767, back to Ipswich; in 1769, to Boxford; and a few years afterward settled in Bridgton, Me., where he died. Mr. Dorman became the father of but two children, who bore the names of their parents, Eunice and Timothy. Eunice, the daughter, is said to have been born in the old house that used to stand

in Widgen pond pasture (No. 115) where the cellar may yet be seen. Mr. Dorman died in 1764, and his widow married Joshua Jackson of Rowley the next year. Mr. Jackson afterward removed to Boxford, and lived in No. 55.

Timothy Dorman, the son, who was born while this house was being built in 1757, probably spent his early life with his step-father. He came into possession of this place, and married Deborah, daughter of Allen Perley of Linebrook parish, Ipswich, in 1782. Mr. Dorman served in the Revolution, and many years afterward was wont to speak of being present at the taking of Burgoyne, though it appeared that he did not get there until after the surrender had actually taken place. He served with Caleb Jackson, his step-brother, who on a visit to Mr. Dorman in his old age reminded him of the following incident. On one occasion, being near the enemy's quarters, a British bullet struck his canteen and spilled most of its contents. "There, faith," exclaimed Timothy, "I've lost my grog!" "But," added Caleb, "you managed to save us one good drink from what remained." "Uncle Tim" professed to have forgotten all about it until Caleb's reminder. Mr. Dorman drew a pension a few of the last years of his life. He was deaf and blind for many years before his death, which occurred in 1835, at the age of seventy-eight. His widow survived him about four years. They had several children.

Timothy's son Nathaniel settled upon the place. He was born in 1790, and married in 1825, about which time he built an extension on the east end of the house, and attached to it an old one-story building used by his brother Timothy some seventy-five years ago as a shoemaker's shop and small grocery store. The carpenter work was done by Johnson Savage and an old man known as "Boss



Chandler." Mr. Dorman spent his days in this house, and died in 1868, at the age of seventy-eight. By his two wives, the last of which survives, he had three children, one of whom was the wife of Daniel Wilkins, and another is the wife of John B. Lake of Topsfield.

Dean Andrews bought the place of Mr. Dorman in 1860, and the next year raised the store part to two stories, the whole being newly clapboarded and painted. Matthew Hale performed the carpenter work. The barn, which was built about 1810, Thomas Peabody of Topsfield being the carpenter, was taken down about ten years ago.

After Mr. Dorman's death the house became a tenement, and was occupied by various families. Mr. William Goodwin, a native of England, lived in the house a number of years, and in 1891 bought it.

121.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. EUNICE HOWE.—The land where this house stands belonged in the seventeenth century to Abel Langley of Rowley. In 1718, John Andrews, who had come into possession of it, conveyed it to Capt. John Andrews, and two years later Capt. Andrews sold the place to his son Robert, whose dwelling-house and out-buildings, which he had probably erected between 1718 and 1720, were situated where Mrs. Howe's house now stands.

Robert Andrews was born in 169—, and married Deborah Frye of Andover. He died in 1751, having had five children, the third of whom was Nathan, who was born in 1726.

Nathan Andrews succeeded his father on this place. He married, first, Mehitabel Foster of Andover the same year his father died. She died in 1760, and he married, second, Widow Sarah Symonds in 1764. She died in 1801, and he followed her five years later at the age of seventy-nine.



He had four children, three daughters and one son, all by his first wife.

Mr. Andrews' only son was Nathan, who was born in 1754, married Esther Kimball in 1783, and lived here. His wife died in 1791, and he married, second, Eunice Kimball the next year. He was the father of the late Samuel, Daniel and Dean Andrews, Mrs. Eunice Howe and others. In 1851, Samuel Andrews built the present house on the site of the old one, which was taken down to make room for it. Asa P. Towne was the carpenter. Samuel Andrews died unmarried in 1879, at the age of eighty-five. His sister Eunice, who had lived with him, married Abraham P. Howe in 1871, and has since resided on the place, which she now owns. Mr. Howe died a few years after the marriage.

122.

T. DWINNELL CELLAR. — Quite a little distance east of the house of Mrs. Eunice Howe (No. 121) was the residence of Thomas Dunnell, the father of Jacob Dunnell who lived in No. 179.

Thomas Dunnell was a son of Thomas and Dinah (Brimsdell) Dwinnell of Topsfield, where he was born in 1711. He married Hannah Towne there in 1738, came to Boxford about 1762, and settled on this place.

He stole something from a neighbor, and to emphasize his denial of the theft said, "If I stole it, I hope to rot alive," and the tradition is that such a judgment came upon him, and he died of slow mortification. We believe his death occurred about 1778.

123.

RESIDENCE OF W. H. SHIRLEY.—This house was owned and occupied by Solomon Gould from about 1765 to 1795,



when he removed to Middleton, dying there in 1806 or 1807. He was son of Solomon Gould of Topsfield, where he was born in 1738, and married Mehitable Perkins in 1761. They had four children, two sons and two daughters, the daughters dying of consumption. On his removal to Middleton, Mr. Gould sold the place to Phineas Foster of Salem, who was a son of Richard Foster of Boxford, where Phineas was born in 1764, and removed to Salem in early life. In 1795 he married Priscilla Killam, and for his second wife a Flint. He came here to live, and died in 1846, at the age of eighty-one. His son Charles sold one undivided half of the place to Moody Perley, who with his sister Abigail, both of whom never married, resided there until the decease of Moody in 1886. In 1890, the place was purchased by Mr. William H. Shirley of Marblehead, who has improved it.

124.

RICKER CELLAR.—There is an old cellar about equidistant in an air line between Mr. William H. Shirley's and Mr. George W. Twitchell's residences. It is said to have been occupied more than a hundred years ago by a family bearing the name of Ricker.

125.

RESIDENCE OF W. SMITH.—The site on which this house stands was occupied until 1879 by the ancient Smith house which was probably erected by Robert Smith about 1665. He was the ancestor of Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet.

The Smith that the oldest residents of Boxford remember to have resided there was Nathaniel, grandfather of the late Nathaniel. He was born in 1724, probably in the old house, being a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Symonds) Smith.

He died there in 1802, at the age of seventy-eight, and the following is a copy of his obituary notice found in the death column of the *Salem Gazette* for January 19, 1802 :

"At Boxford, Mr. NATHANIEL SMITH, aged 78. In his death, the public are deprived of a good member of society. He was an affectionate husband, an indulgent parent, and a sincere christian. He has left a large number of relatives to bemoan his loss. Being sensible he was near the approach of his dissolution, he resigned himself with calmness and tranquility, and was ready to say, '*not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.*' He exercised great patience in his last sickness, and a cheerful resignation to the divine will. The interest of religion appeared to lie near his heart; and for the salvation of sinners his prayers were affecting. He expired rejoicing '*in hope of the glory of God!*' "

Mr. Smith married Sarah Burpee of Rowley in 1751, and resided here, where his twelve children were born. The youngest of them was Joseph Smith, who was born in 1771, and married, first, Hepzibah Chapman of Ipswich, and, second, Kezia Gould. He died in 1826, and his wife survived him. Two of his sons, Nathaniel and Calvin, resided on this place. The latter died in 1870 and the former in 1879. Calvin Smith's son Walter built the present house in 1885, and lives in it.

126.

RESIDENCE OF W. I. SMITH.—Mr. Whipple I. Smith built his house about 1870, and has since resided in it.

127.

R. ANDREWS CELLAR.—A few rods south of the residence of Mr. Whipple I. Smith is an old cellar, over which probably stood the house in which Robert Andrews the emigrant lived. He is said to have been born in one of the Boxfords of England, and he settled here about 1656, his family then consisting of himself and wife and six children. The writer thinks that Mr. Andrews lived at first nearer Pye brook, and that he built this house a short time before his death, which occurred in 1668. His widow

Grace survived him thirty-one years. He requested in his will (which was made but thirteen days before his death) to be buried in Topsfield, and doubtless he and his widow were interred in the old cemetery there. They had ten children, and among their descendants is John Albion Andrews, Massachusetts' loved war governor. Two or three generations of Mr. Andrews' descendants probably lived on this place; but very little is known of it, the house having probably been gone much more than a century.

128.

"AUNT GINNY HOUSE."—The house that once occupied the site of the present "Aunt Ginny house" was burned a hundred years ago. The present house was erected immediately afterward by Jacob Andrews. He was married in 1761 and his nine children were probably born in the house that was burned. The oldest child, Jacob, born in 1762, married Jane, daughter of Simon Gould of Topsfield in 1792, and lived in the present house for many years but, we believe, had no children. She was called "Aunt Jennie" or "*Ginny*" by all.

The place has been occupied for several years by Mr. Bert Tyler.

"A few brief years, and the old house no more
Will stand a way-mark on Time's stormy shore;
And few will mourn, as few will ever prize
This relic of the past with all its teachings wise."

129.

RESIDENCE OF G. W. TWITCHELL.—Where Mr. George W. Twitchell resides formerly stood an ancient house occupied by Stephen Gould. He was a son of John Gould of Topsfield, and a brother of Capt. Jacob Gould, who resided at No. 138. He bought the farm in 1762 of John Symonds, who had probably lived here and had removed to Worcester county. Stephen Gould removed to Hills-



boro', N. H., and John Gould (brother of Cornelius Gould, who resided in No. 153), then lived here. At length he removed to Springfield, N. H., where he died. Shortly afterward the place came into the possession of Moses Gould of Topsfield, a son of Daniel and Lucy (Tarbox) Gould, and brother of Rev. Daniel Gould. He tore the old house down and erected the present one nearly on the same site in 1824. Mr. Gould was born in 1766, and in 1798 married Anne Mecum, who had been brought up by Zaccheus Gould of Topsfield. They had three children, Moses, who lived on this place awhile, Daniel Tarbox, who died unmarried, and Nancy, who married Daniel Andrews and lived at No. 131.

Moses Gould, the son, was born in 1800, married Lydia Abbot Russell, and resided a number of years in Baltimore, Md. While he was at the south, the place was occupied awhile by Samuel Towle, and for about eleven years from 1838, when his house became uninhabitable, by Joseph Symonds who about 1849 removed to his daughter's in Augusta, Me., where he died. Mr. Gould returned to his old home, and died here in 1843, at the age of forty-three. His family continued to reside here. Most of the time since 1873 his son-in-law, Mr. Twitchell, has lived on the place. Mr. Gould's widow, who married for her second husband Deacon Leonard Grover of Bethel, Me., resided here from 1880 to 1884.

130.

SYMONDS CELLAR.—Near the First-district school-house is the old Symonds cellar. This is the site of the house in which lived Samuel Symonds, who settled in Boxford in 1663, having married Elizabeth, a daughter of Robert Andrews, by whom he had eleven children. He died in 1722, at the age of eighty-four, and his widow survived him

nearly three years. He was the grandfather of Rev. Dr. Andrew Eliot of Boston, who was chosen president of Harvard college, but who declined the honored position on account of church ties. Through Dr. Eliot Mr. Symonds was an ancestor of a long line of distinguished men.

Oct. 2, 1716, Mr. Symonds deeded this farm to his son Joseph on condition that he would support his parents during the remainder of their lives, reserving the east part of the house for his and his wife's use.

Joseph was born in 1685, married Mary Peabody in 1710, and died here in 1755, his widow surviving him six years. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters.

Mr. Symonds' son Stephen settled on the old place. He was born in 1728, and married, first, Mary —, who died in childbirth in 1758, and, second, Mary Nurse of Danvers in 1764. He first belonged to the church in Topsfield, and was dismissed to the First church in Boxford in 1759, being chosen deacon in 1765. He died in 1808, at the age of eighty, having had six children, five daughters and one son.

The son was Joseph, who succeeded his father on the homestead. He was born in 1770 and resided here until 1838, when the old house was so dilapidated that it was uncomfortable to live in, and two of his children being sick, at the invitation of his neighbor, he removed to the Gould house, No. 129, where his sick children died and the family resided for about eleven years. His wife died here in 1835. He removed from the Gould house to his daughter's in Augusta, Me., where he died. Mr. Symonds was rather shiftless, and let his house go to ruin. After it was down, he had an idea of building a new one, and to that end hauled many massive rocks to the old cellar, where they still remain.

The present highway runs between the cellar and well, but the old road ran south of the well. This gave quite a space between the house and road.

131.

RESIDENCE OF A. G. HUNTOON.—The residence of the late Daniel Andrews was raised June 14, 1842, being built by himself. He lived in it until his death in 1879, and his widow until she died in 1884. From 1880 to 1884, Mr. George W. Twitchell resided there, and then removed to No. 129. In 1889, Mr. Albert G. Huntoon of Danvers purchased the farm, and has since lived there.

132.

SAMUEL GOULD CELLAR.—In the left-hand corner pasture as one turns down the road to Mrs. Daniel Andrews', in going from Howe's mills, there was a house in 1800.

This was land belonging to Capt. John Gould, the brave old patriot during Governor Andros' sway. He probably obtained it from his father, Zaccheus Gould, the emigrant. The land and probably the house that stood here were owned and used by the proprietors of the Iron Works, which were in progress here from 1668 to 1680. The old smelting furnace was situated in the same lot, the remains being plainly recognized to-day.

Capt. Gould sold the place in 1695 to his son Samuel Gould. Capt. Gould was a resident of Topsfield, and his son Samuel lived there also until 1699, when he moved to this place. He was born in 1670, and married Margaret Stone in 1697.

In 1714, his house was destroyed by fire, and for that reason the town abated his taxes for that year. He erected a new house and continued to reside here.

Mr. Gould died in 1724, at the age of fifty-four. His

children were: Sarah, who died in 1786, at the age of eighty-eight, unmarried; Samuel, who resided on the homestead; Moses, who settled in Lunenburg; Jonathan, who settled in Shirley; Patience, who married Edmund Towne of Oxford; Margaret; Zaccheus, who went to Lunenburg; and Hubbard, who went to Brookfield. Among his descendants is Sylvanus Owen Gould, Esq., of Buffalo, N. Y.

Samuel Gould, the son, was born here in 1701, and married Mehitable Stiles of Boxford in 1726. They resided here until 1746, when they removed to Brookfield, where they died. Their children were: Samuel, who resided in Brookfield, Amherst, Charlemont and Heath, and died in 1791; Mehitable, who married Peter Lamson and moved to New Hampshire; Jeremiah, who died in Charlemont in 1809; Nathan, who went to Virginia, where he died in 1816; Jonathan, who probably died young; Eli, who lived in Amherst; and Deliverance, who married Reuben Nims of Shelburne.

When Mr. Gould left town, he sold out to Samuel Fisk of Boxford, May 23, 1746, for £918. Mr. Fisk was son of Samuel and Sarah Fisk, and was born in Boxford in 1716. He married Judith Noyes of Newbury in 1738, and lived in Boxford for twenty years afterward. He owned this farm, however, but two years.

In 1748, for £1620, he sells the farm, then consisting of seventy-six and one half acres, to Ebenezer Curtis of Boxford. Mr. Curtis married Elizabeth ———, and first belonged to the Second church in Bradford, but in 1759, upon Mr. Holyoke's settlement over the church here, was dismissed to the First church in Boxford. They had three sons and five daughters.

He sold the place in 1790 to Stephen Perley of Topsfield, who the next year conveyed it to Cornelius Gould.

Mr. Gould was a son of Joseph and Ruth (Emerson) Gould, and grandson of Rev. John Emerson of Topsfield, having been born in Topsfield in 1767. He was a brother of Daniel Gould, who lived at No. 63. In 1797, Mr. Gould sold to Jacob Andrews, a farmer of Boxford (who lived at No. 128, and removed to Danvers. The next year Mr. Gould came back and lived at No. 153.

The buildings were standing in 1797 and the farm then consisted of fifty-five acres. Mr. Andrews took the old house down before 1805.

133.

RESIDENCE OF A. FRAME.— A few rods east of the residence of Mr. Andrew Frame once stood an old house, the east end of which was two stories, and the west end one and a half stories in height, being built in the most ancient square form. The barn stood near the present highway. This old house was occupied a hundred and fifty years ago by Nathaniel Symonds, who was a builder and lived here alone. He was the eleventh and youngest child of Samuel Symonds, and was born in 1687, probably at No. 130. His father conveyed this place to him October 2, 1716, with the buildings thereon, Nathaniel having probably built the house about 1710. He removed to Middleton about 1745, and built a small house near Thomas' mills, in which neighborhood his brother Samuel Symonds resided. He died there, unmarried, in 1769, at the age of eighty-two.

It is a tradition that Nathaniel Symonds was in the habit of walking to Simon Gould's in Topsfield, Sundays, for the purpose of getting shaved. Mr. Symonds reared one of his nephews, Stephen Symonds, and Mr. Gould advised old Mr. Symonds to persuade the young man to marry some "likely" young woman, and bring her home there that their domestic affairs might be better managed. The

old gentleman did so, the young man followed the advice, and Mr. Symonds gave him the farm. This seems to be true as Stephen Symonds owned the place in 1777, when he sold it to Abraham Smith of Boxford for £320.

The next year, Mr. Smith sold out to John Williams of Salem, mariner, for £400. In 1798, Mr. Williams having died, his widow Anna and the other heirs sold the farm to Oliver Peabody.

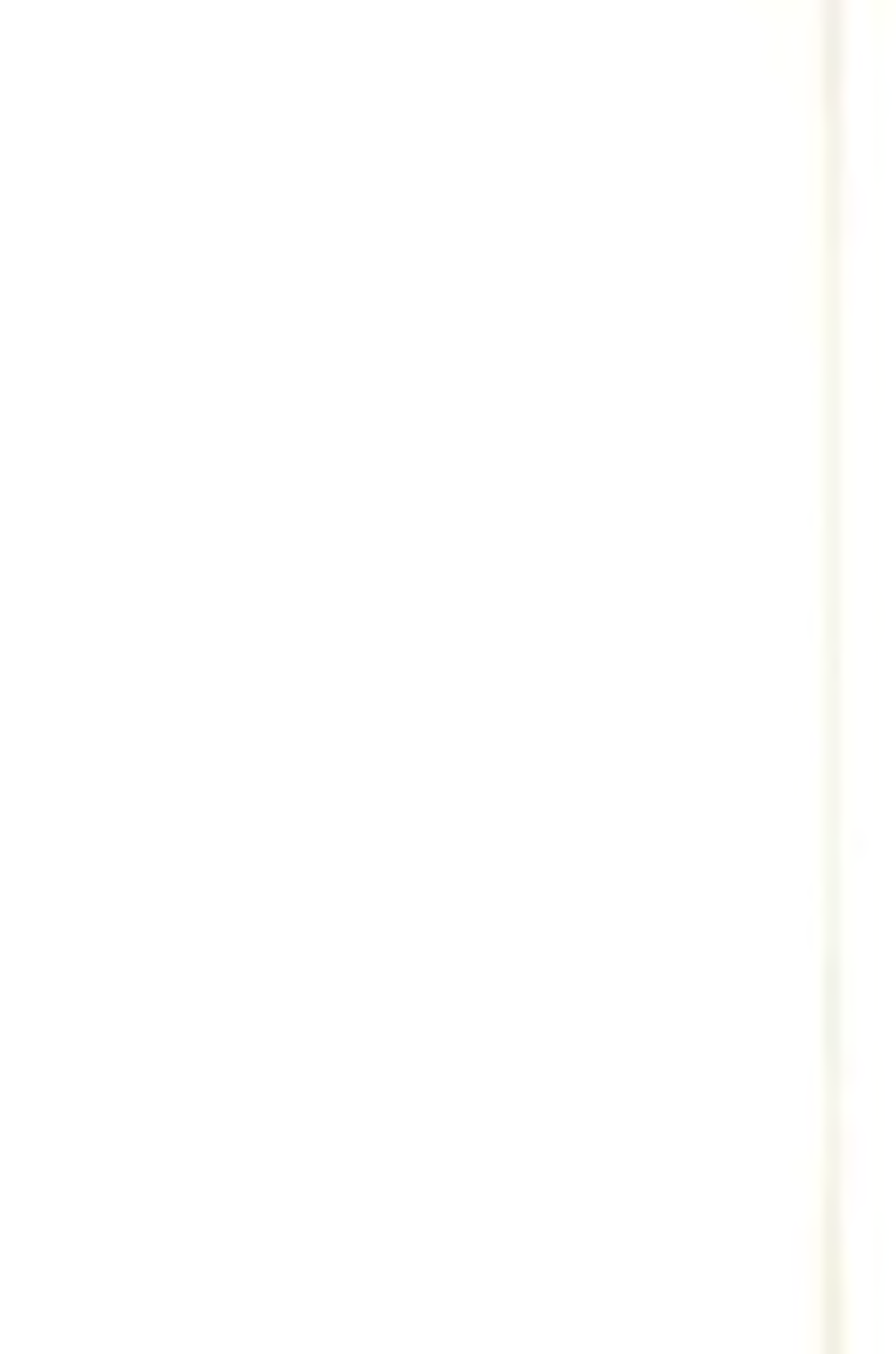
Mr. Peabody was a son of Bimsley and Ruth (Marston) Peabody, and was born in Middleton about 1775. He moved to this place from No. 149, where his father lived. He married, first, Sarah Estey of Topsfield in 1800, and, second, Lois Chapman of Boxford, who was born in No. 35. Mr. Peabody built the present house between 1835 and 1840. The carpenter was his son-in-law Charles Bracket of Topsfield and the mason work was done by a Mr. Brown of Danvers.

Mr. Frame, the present owner, came from Maine to Middleton in 1850, and settled on this place in 1856, having lived here since that time.

134.

GALLOP CELLAR.—At the foot of Bald hill, and at the west end of Crooked pond is an old cellar. Here, Zachariah Curtis built his house upon land belonging to his father Zaccheus Curtis, it having been devised to him in his father's will, which was dated in 1710 and proved in 1712. Zachariah Curtis was born in 1688, probably in No. 136. His wife was Love —, and their children were Love, who married Joseph Beal and lived in Sudbury, Zachariah, and Abiel, the last two being of Salem and minors in 1732. Mr. Curtis died in the winter of 1715-16.

The widow of Mr. Curtis married Thomas Gallop in 1719. Mr. Gallop was born in Stonington, Conn., in 1683, removed to Plainfield, Conn., in 1695, and after-

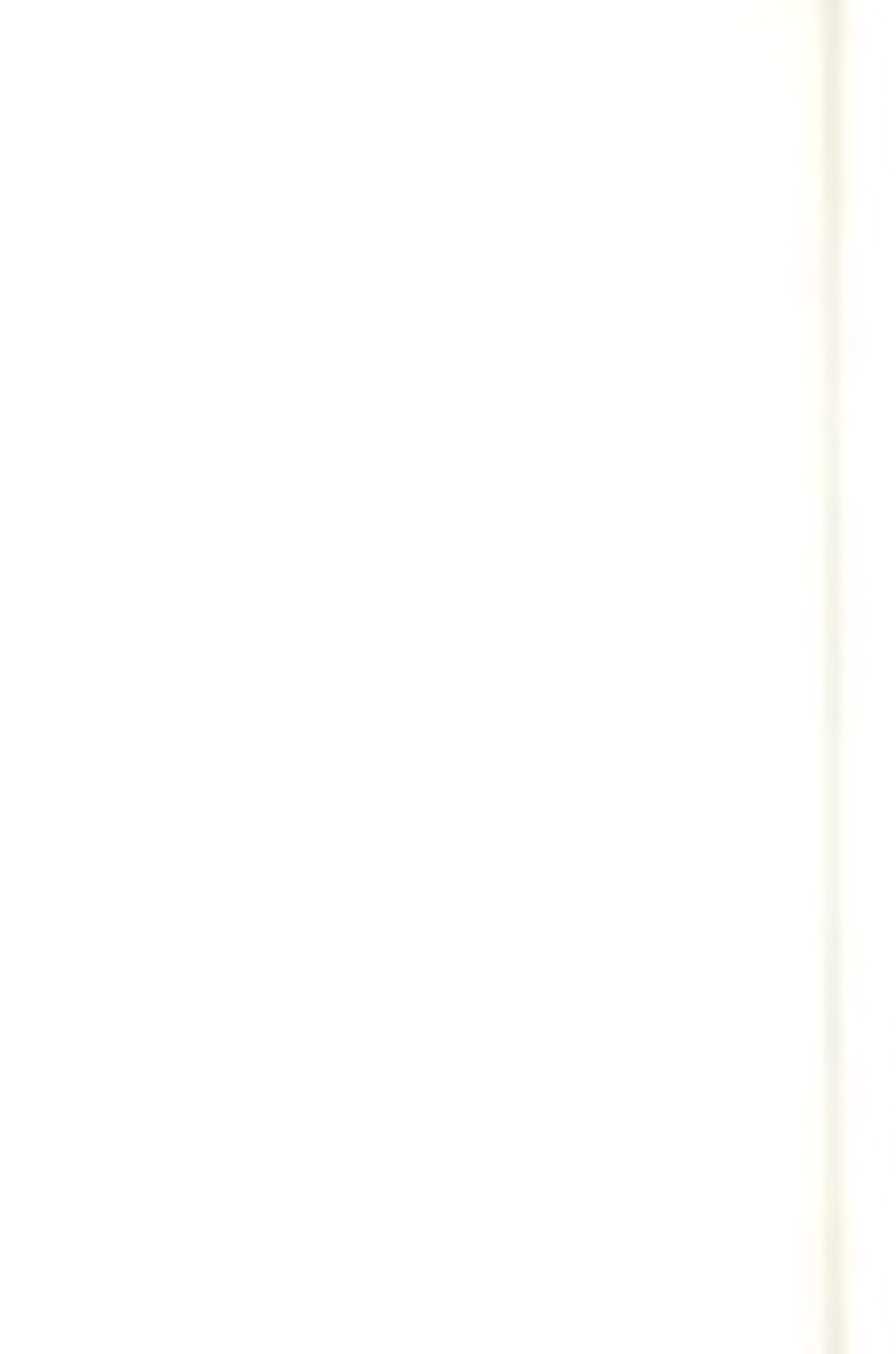


ward removed to Newbury, Mass., where he was living when he became acquainted with the widow Curtis, whom he married there. He was the eldest son of John Gallop and Elizabeth Wheeler, and a grandson of Capt. John Gallop, who was slain in the great "swamp fight" December 19, 1675. His great grandfather was Capt. John Gallop, who was educated at a military school in Holland, and, coming to New England in 1630, died in Boston in 1649.

The Gallop genealogist carries the ancestry back twenty generations, as follows :—

1. Malcolm Canmore, king of Scotland, and Lady Margaret Atheling;
2. Henry I (Beauclere) and Matilda;
3. Geoffrey Plantagenet and Matilda;
4. Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine;
5. John and Isabella of Angouleme;
6. Henry III and Eleanor of Provence;
7. Edward I and Marguerite, daughter of Phillip le Hardi, king of France;
8. Prince Thomas Plantagenet;
9. Sir Thomas Mowbray and Margaret Plantagenet;
10. Thomas Mowbray and Elizabeth Fitzalan;
11. Sir Robert Howard and Lady Margaret Mowbray;
12. Sir John Howard;
13. Thomas Howard and Agnes Tylney;
14. Lord William Howard and Catherine of Broughton.
15. Sir William Paulet and Agnes Howard;
16. Thomas Gallop and Frances Paulet;
17. John Gallop and Chrestabel (?);
18. John Gallop and Hannah Lake;
19. John Gallop and Elizabeth Wheeler;
20. Thomas Gallop and Love Curtis.

Upon Mr. Gallop's marriage with Mrs. Curtis, he came to Boxford and lived at Mrs. Curtis' home, and probably both died here. They had six children, Abigail, William, George, Jeremiah, Sarah and Mary, born between 1720 and 1739. Mrs. Gallop was admitted to the First church in 1745.



In March, 1730, the town of Boxford voted that "In-as-much as Thomas Gallop is returned back again into our town after he was warned to depart out of said town and carried out by the constable by virtue of a warrant from a justice of the peace as the law directs, the town have chosen Cornet Stephen Peabody to prosecute the said Thomas Gallop as a *vaggebon* or to prosecute the affair in any other method as he shall think proper to prevent the charge of the said Gallop's support for the future being laid on our town." In March, 1733, the town "allowed Joseph Symonds, John Wood, James Curtis and John Bixby four shillings to each of them for service done at Salem to prevent Thomas Gallop from coming to a town charge." After this he was let alone.

Mr. Gallop was a most confirmed smoker. He had a leather bag, in which he carried his tobacco and pipe, suspended from his neck by a string. A slight search among the ruins of this old dwelling has brought to light many fragments of old clay pipes, thus conclusively proving the tradition of Mr. Gallop's principal failing.

The Gallops were here as late as 1777.

This Thomas Gallop is the ancestor of the Essex county family of that name.

The place was next in the possession of Thomas Gould, who came from Topsfield, and died here in 1778.

We know no more of this old homestead. It was probably decayed and gone before 1800. No one would now recognize the place as the site of a house, as only a few stones remain to mark its position.

135.

RESIDENCE OF E. L. HOOPER.—The Hooper place on Bald hill was owned by Joseph Gould of Topsfield in 1778. The next year he sold it to his son Daniel Gould of Topsfield. The farm then contained fifty acres, with



house, barn, etc. Daniel Gould was born in Topsfield in 1756, married Sarah Bradstreet of his native town in 1778, and resided on this farm until 1784, when he sold it to James Russell, a farmer of Middleton, and removed to No. 63, where he afterward lived and died.

Benjamin Goodridge, from No. 63, came here on Mr. Gould's removal, and lived for a few months in 1784, removing to Middleton, and afterward to Vermont.

In the latter part of the year, Mr. Russell moved from Middleton, and resided here as long as he lived. By his wife Rebecca he had nine children, Joseph (who was born in Middleton), Rebecca, James, Perkins and Peabody (twins), Polly, Almody (son), Daniel and Samuel. Polly married a Mr. Peabody of Reading, and was the survivor of the family, living to be almost a century old.

Mr. Russell conveyed the farm in 1824 to his sons Peabody Russell and Perkins Russell. The latter, who resided in Salem, sold his interest in the place to his brother Peabody in 1846.

Peabody Russell, born here in 1789, always lived on the homestead. He had several children, among whom was Daniel, who resided in No. 131 and other houses. Mrs. Russell died in 1845, at the age of fifty-nine; and Mr. Russell followed her the next year at the age of fifty-six.

Peabody Russell's son Daniel came into the possession of the estate, and in 1847 sold it to Capt. Ebenezer L. Hooper and John B. Graves, jr., both of Marblehead. The place was sold the next year to Joseph Russell of Marblehead. In 1855 he conveyed it to Mr. Hooper, who, after having been a sea-captain for many years, retired, and has since resided upon this farm.



of a mile west of Mr. George W. Curtis' residence, where, it is said, stood the original Curtis house. Zaccheus Curtis, from Gloucester, erected his house here, when he settled in Boxford about 1661. By his wife Joanna he had half a dozen children, of whom Zaccheus, jr., became the ancestor of the late Francis Curtis, and Ephraim, under his father's will, which was made upon his death-bed in 1682, became possessed of the old place, which he resided upon.

This is all we know of this old cellar.

The following lines were written years ago, but the writer is unknown :

"O little house lost in the heart of the cedars,
What would I not give to behold you once more!
To inhale once again the sweet breath of your roses,
And the starry clematis that climbed round your door—

"To see the neat windows thrown wide to the sunshine;
The porch where we sat at the close of the day,
Where the weary foot traveler was welcome to rest him,
And the beggar was never sent empty away;

"The wainscoted walls, and the low-raftered ceilings;
To hear the loud tick of the clock on the stair;
And to kiss the dear face bending over the Bible,
That always was laid by my grandfather's chair!

"O bright little garden beside the plantation,
Where the tall fleurs-de-lis their blue banners unfurled,
And the lawn was alive with the thrushes and blackbirds,
I would you were all I had known of the world!"

"My sweet pink pea-clusters! My rare honeysuckle!
My prim polyanthus all of a row!
In a garden of dreams I still pass and caress you,
But your beautiful selves are forever laid low.

"For your walls, little house, long ago have been levelled;
Alien feet your smooth borders, O garden, have trod;
And those whom I loved are at rest from their labors,
Reposing in peace on the bosom of God!"



137.

E. S. GOULD HOUSE.—The small house in which Mr. Justin Curtis resided a few years ago was built by Eben S. Gould about 1873. A Mrs. Johnson also lived here awhile.

138.

JACOB GOULD HOUSE.—The house in which Capt. Jacob Gould resided during the Revolutionary period is quite old.

Captain Gould was born in Topsfield in 1729, and was a son of John Gould. He married Elizabeth Towne of his native place in 1751, came to Boxford and it is believed built this house three years later.

Mr. John H. Gould of Topsfield, the genealogist of the Gould family, thinks that Captain Gould's father, John Gould, moved to Boxford from Topsfield and built this house about 1725, and that Capt. Jacob was born in it. There is evidence to show that he is right.

There used to be an old house here, and perhaps the father built the old one, and the son the present one. In the old house about seventy years ago lived Molly Smith. She was quite aged, and the house was also very old. She had one room, in which she kept a loom and used to weave as long as she was able. The house was a mere shell. Mrs. Eliza G. Lane, a lady who was born at this place in 1804, writes :—

"The room was ceiled, and looked very black, the entry and upper part being nothing but boards. I think grandmother told me that her father Gould built it for one of his children, but which I cannot tell, though I am inclined to think for a daughter. One of his children lived in it. The house has been down as many as sixty years. This Molly Smith lived with her mother over in the woods



south of Stoney field. Molly was quite aged. She probably looked older to us when we were children than she really was.

"I well remember many pleasant chats I heard between my grandmother and her, and also visiting her, or running in as we called it. Many pleasant recollections come to my mind of bygone days, and some painful ones also."

Jacob Gould was chosen captain of the military company of this parish, and marched with them under his command when the news of the battle of Lexington came. He died in 1809, at the age of eighty. He had twelve children, one of whom was Huldah, mother of the late Ancill Dorman, Esq. His son Jacob settled at No. 142, and John in this place.

John Gould was born at this place in 1778, and married Polly Prince of Danvers, who died in 1847. Mr. Gould followed her in 1864, having passed his life of eighty-five years on his birth-place. He left three children, Mrs. Lane, who has already been mentioned, Olive, who always lived at home, and died at the age of seventy, having never married, and Polly.

Mr. Gould took down the oldest part of the house about 1824, and built the eastern end. The chimney being in a bad condition he erected the present one at that time. Benjamin Herrick of Topsfield was the carpenter and Porter Bradstreet of the same place was the mason employed in making these changes in the house. Of the present house Mrs. Lane writes as follows:—"I think the westerly part of the house is some over two hundred years old according to the information I received from my grandmother, and that the easterly or more ancient part was built forty or fifty years before. There were three windows in that part of the house, one decent sized one and two smaller ones. One had only four squares in it. Upstairs,



the room was only a shell, and had one small window, with diamond-shaped glass set in lead as a sash. There was a door on the easterly end of the house that opened outside. That room was quite large and ceiled with dark looking boards.

"Mr. Joseph Gould of Topsfield went up into the woods with his team and was some distance above the house, when, by some means, the tackling that held the horse gave way and the chains fell on his heels. This frightened him so that he ran down the road past the house very furiously with the chains striking his heels. He began to descend the hill, a few rods beyond the house, when he turned a somersault. When he got up, his head was toward the house and the open door. There was no fence around the house, and he came rushing in at the door. He ran furiously into the fire-place, hit his head pretty hard and perhaps burned himself a little. There were eight persons in the room. My grandfather, then almost four score years of age, was sitting with myself and baby-brother in a chair on the left side of the fireplace when the horse ran down by. Grandfather got up to look out, with us in his arms, thus saving his own and our lives, as the horse, not satisfied with his place in the chimney, kicked up, I think three times, and then turned to the door that led into the front entry. He stopped, after breaking up the chair that my grandfather had been sitting in and some other things. [This was about 1807.] Grandma stepped up behind the bed in the southeast corner of the room. A granddaughter of hers fourteen years of age was there, and also the daughter of a neighbor of about the same age. Father was out not far from the house, and he ran to the window very much alarmed (as well he might be!), asking, 'Where are the children?' Grandfather said, 'In here,' and father rushed to the back window, taking us as



we were handed out to him. He then came in and led the horse out. It was very providential that no one was hurt.

"Respecting the west room that we lived in, the fireplace was so high and wide that we used to sit, on what they called forms, in the corners, and look out at the top of the chimney.

"My grandmother used to tell us that her mother Gould said when she first came there to live, it was a wilderness and the wolves would come in the night, sit on the hill in front of the house, and howl. She also told us that her husband and one of his sisters, when children, were sent to the field some distance from the house, and when turning to come home they saw a large bear on the hill a little distance off. Having heard folks say, if you face a bear he will turn away, they stopped a minute or two, and the bear turned away. The next day he was killed, and carried down past the house on a load of wood."

The next year after Mr. Gould's decease, the administrator sold the farm at auction, to Eliezer Lake of Topsfield and Mrs. Nancy Andrews of Boxford. The latter bought the house and land adjoining. The daughter Olive had the easterly room, and passed her life there, dying in 1871. After the house was repaired, the westerly part was rented at different times to a number of small families, and some time after the death of Olive the place was sold to Mrs. Alice Grover of Salem, who came and lived here perhaps two years. She then sold it, in 1878, to Mr. John C. McLaughlin of Salem, who now owns and resides upon it.

139.

RESIDENCE OF G. W. CURTIS.—The residence of the late Francis Curtis was probably built by his father who bore the same name. Mr. Curtis was born in 1805, mar-



ried in 1836, and lived in this house until his death in 1878. Since that time his son George W. Curtis has resided upon and carried on the place.

140.

S. STEVENS CELLAR.—Two or three rods north of the residence of the late Zaccheus Gould stood the house of Samuel Stevens in 1761. He lived here several years. The house has probably been gone three-quarters of a century, and the old cellar was visible as late as 1830.

141.

Z. GOULD HOUSE.—The residence of the late Zaccheus Gould was erected by Mr. Andrew Gould of Topsfield in 1835. He built the barn in 1840. He lived in the house until 1847, when he sold to Amos Fiske, and Mr. Fiske conveyed the place to Zaccheus Gould in 1868. Mr. Gould died here a few years since, and his family have continued to reside upon the farm. See No. 142.

142

GOULD CELLAR.—Across the road from the residence of the late Zaccheus Gould stood a very old house, endwise to the road. It was one story high, and had two rooms in it, one of which was plastered. There was also a back room on the end next the road.

James Curtis, the great-grandfather of the late Francis Curtis, lived here. July 26, 1785, he conveyed all his real estate in Boxford to his grandson John Curtis. There were about one hundred acres of land and the buildings. "Jeames" Curtis, as he was popularly called, married Sarah Buswell in 1731, and had seven children, Sarah, Daniel, Eleanor, John, Asa, Moses, and Hannah.

John Curtis, who succeeded his grandfather on the place,



was born in Boxford in 1766, married Eunice Harris of Ipswich in 1785, and had two children born here, who were named John and Eunice, respectively. In 1788 he sold out to Eleazer Flint, a Reading gentleman.

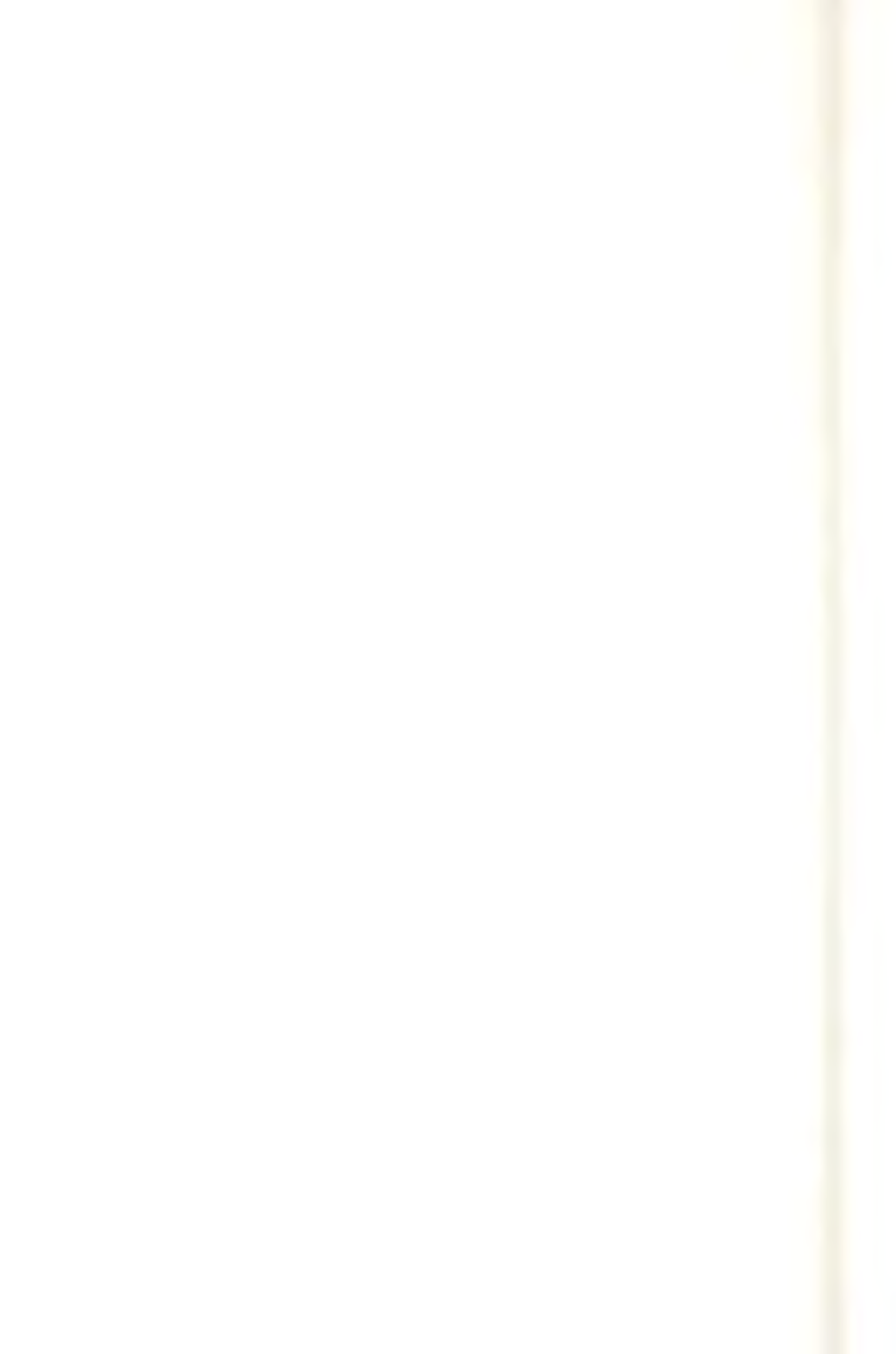
The next year, 1789, Mr. Flint sold to Capt. Jacob Gould and Ruth Curtis (mother of the above-named John Curtis). In 1795 (Jacob Gould, jr., having meantime occupied the house) Mrs. Curtis conveyed her half to Jacob Gould, son of her associate purchaser.

Jacob Gould, son of Capt. Jacob Gould, who lived in No. 138, was born in 1764, married Ruth, daughter of Thomas Peabody of Middleton in 1789, and lived in this house until 1830, when he sold the place to Mr. Andrew Gould of Topsfield. He removed to Brighton, N. Y., where he lived with his son Samuel P. Gould till his death in 1850. His youngest child was the first wife of the late Moses Dorman, Esq. Mr. Gould's second child was Gen. Jacob Gould of Rochester, N. Y., who was born in this house in 1794. A sketch of General Gould by Dr. Joseph E. Bartlett of Boston, who was born in the neighborhood, has been furnished these pages as follows:—

“Until his majority he attended the district school—worked upon his father's farm and the farms of his neighbors—made shoes—taught school—and took an active interest in military affairs. On reaching his majority he set out for the West on a horse lent him by his father. When he reached Schenectady, N. Y., concluding to stop there, the horse was sold and the proceeds sent back to the lender. He engaged in the shoe trade and was successful there; but in a few years moved on to Rochester, N. Y., where he resided the rest of his life.

“In business, financial, masonic, military, social and political circles, he was always conspicuous in the front rank. At an early age he became mayor of the city, major-general of the militia, filled the highest offices in the masonic order, and was U. S. marshal for his district for many years. All these successes and honors seemed naturally to come to him, as if by right.

“General Gould was of a majestic presence. His temperament sanguine, hopeful, courageous, and he possessed that marvelous power



of magnetism which never failed to impart to every one who came within the sphere of his influence a bountiful share of those qualities. When his own success and business standing had become assured, he induced his younger brothers—Samuel and George—to follow and locate near him, where both achieved success and became marked men in their respective neighborhoods.

“Another remarkable characteristic of General Gould was his love of kindred and abiding attachment for his old native home—seldom failing to make an annual visit thither—calling upon all the old neighbors and still living companions of his youth, and finally persuading his aged parents to dispose of their little patrimony, and go with him to a new home near by his own, where, cheered and sustained by filial love, they spent the remainder of their days in plenty and in peace.”

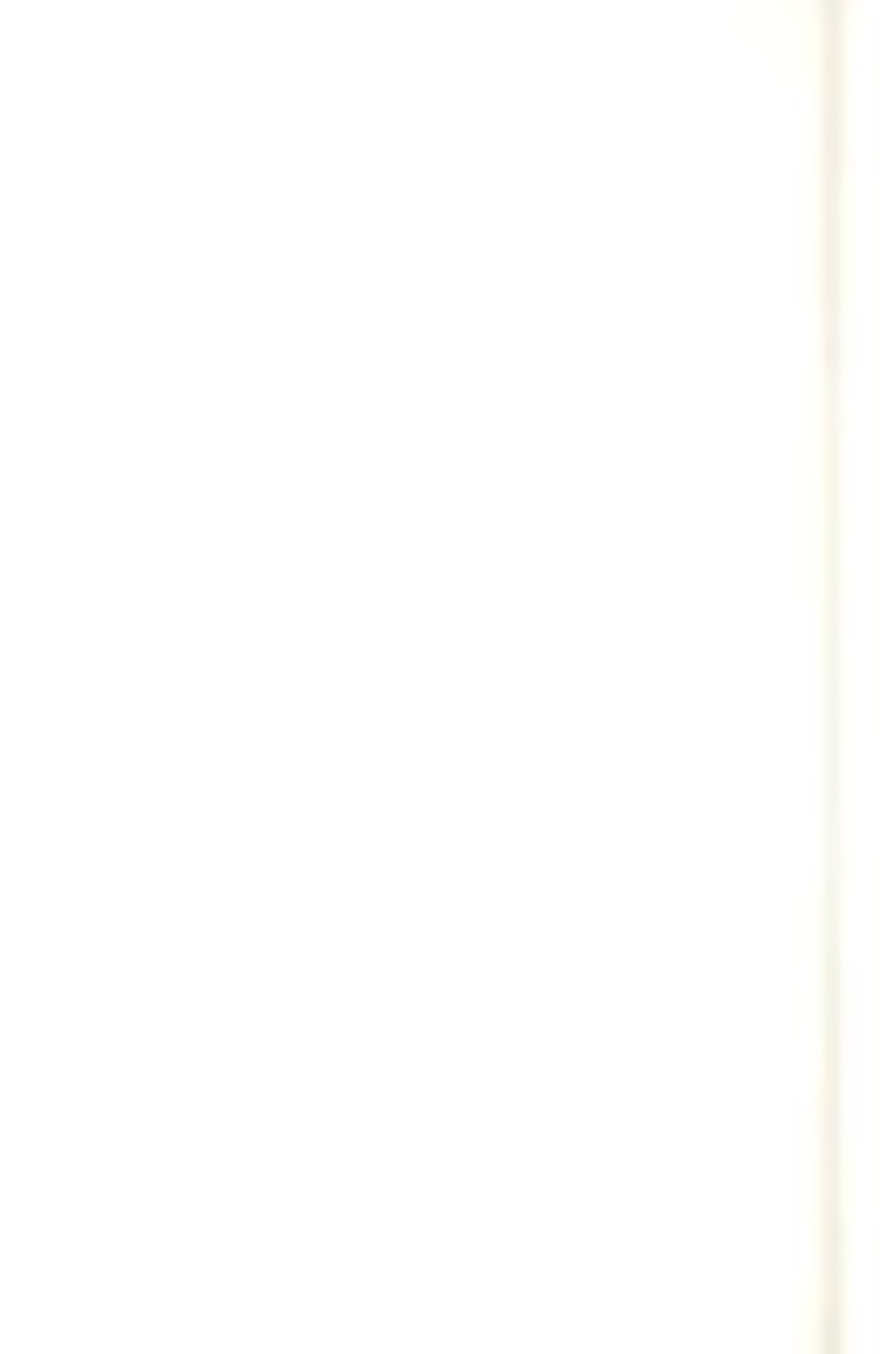
For several years before 1790, the school for that portion of the town was kept in this house. In 1789, Daniel Gould of Topsfield, who was afterward a clergyman in Bethel, Maine, taught here. A panel from the old house, on which Daniel Gould carved his name, is preserved by Mr. John H. Gould of Topsfield.

When the school-house in this district was burned about 1815, the school was again kept in this house until a new school-house could be built.

Mr. Andrew Gould of Topsfield at last bought the place in 1830, and after living in the old house five years took it down in 1835, building the present one across the road. The old barn stood several rods northeast of the residence of the late Zaccheus Gould, and it was taken down by Mr. Andrew Gould when he built the new one in 1840. See No. 141.

143.

ILES CELLAR.—The Iles house, which stood a few rods south of the residence of the late Zaccheus Gould, was quite ancient. It was gambrel-roofed, one story in height, and contained two rooms. Seventy-five years ago the inside was unfinished. William Iles, who is said to have come from England, married Elizabeth Curtis in 1719 and probably lived in this house. They had five children: Elizabeth,



who married Benjamin Curtis of Middleton, William, who resided on this place, John, Jacob, and Mary.

William Iles, jr., was born in 1723, married Martha Booth of Middleton in 1744, and had four children: John, Jacob, Mary and Martha. The father removed to Rindge, N. H., where he went by the name of Earl.

The son Jacob Iles lived here after his father's departure till near the close of the century. He was born in 1748, and, by his wife Relief, had three children born here, Jonathan, who died young, Relief and Jonathan.

A Booth family, relatives of Mrs. Iles above, also lived here for a time. One of the daughters, Mary, married Rev. Daniel Gould of Topsfield, who was afterward a clergyman in Maine. William Booth, the father, went to Hillsborough, N. H.

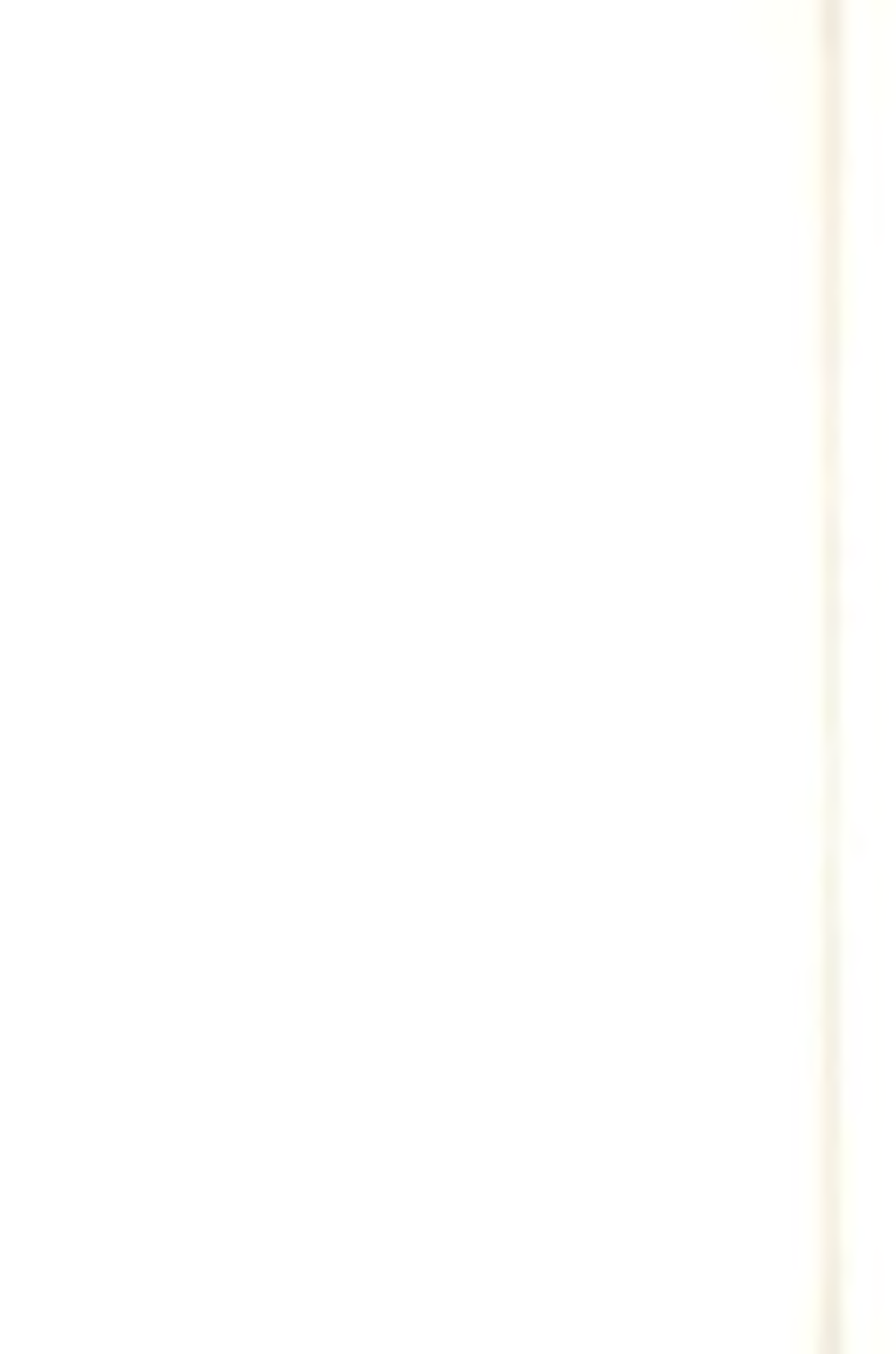
James Curtis (the old folks used to call him Jeames) bought half of this house of William Iles in 1761. He was the great-grandfather of the late Francis Curtis. Here James' children were perhaps born.

During the war of 1812, the house was occupied a part of the time by two families from Salem, who were among those who thought the British would burn the seaport towns, and so fled to the country for security.

A Brown and also a Bligh family lived here at some period. At the beginning of this century Ezra Wildes was living here, and soon after John Perkins, who was called "John Enoch."

The house was bought by Cooper Henry Perkins of Salem about 1821, and he removed it to Topsfield, living in it during the rest of his life. The house is now occupied by his grandson, Mr. William Andrews.

RESIDENCE OF T. FULLER.—The William Henry Munday house was built by Dr. George W. Sawyer, on land



formerly owned by Oliver Peabody, in 1847 or 1848. The place came into the possession of Mr. Munday, who lived here several years. About 1880, the property was sold to Mrs. Charles Collyer of Lynn, who lived here. The house was then occupied by different tenants until 1890, when Mr. Thomas Fuller, who lived at No. 145, purchased it, and has since resided in it.

145.

FULLER HOUSE.—Mr. Thomas Fuller, a native of Danvers, and a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, who experienced more than his share of the vicissitudes of the service, built a small house for himself near Fish brook in 1874. He lived in it alone, having never married, until he bought and moved to No. 144 in 1890, where he has since resided.

146.

RESIDENCE OF T. SAWYER.—The farm of Mr. Thomas Sawyer belonged about 1800 to Thomas Killam of Middleton. Dr. George Whitfield Sawyer of Ipswich, a brother of John Sawyer (see No. 154), father of the late John Sawyer, married Mr. Killam's daughter Polly in 1801. In 1803, Dr. Sawyer came here to live, his father-in-law having given him the place.

Dr. Sawyer was born in Ipswich in 1770. After honoring his profession of medicine for many years by a life of integrity and trust, he died in 1855, at the age of eighty-five. He had several children, one of whom, Thomas, succeeded him upon the farm, which he has since carried on. Mr. James B. Sawyer, a son of Thomas, also resides here.

147.

RESIDENCE OF S. KILLAM. — The farm now in the possession of Messrs. George B. and Samuel Killam, brothers,



was a part of the five hundred and fifty acres granted by the General Court to Governor John Endicott in 1639. The land then came into the possession of his son Zerubabel, who built the present house about 1682, and died in 1684, willing the place to his son Joseph Endicott. It soon came into the possession of Joseph's brother Zerubabel Endicott, who conveyed the farm, which then contained one hundred acres, with the house and barn, to Thomas Killam of Wenham, Jan. 15, 1701-02, for £180. Mr. Killam removed to the farm, and afterward resided there.

He was a son of Daniel and Sarah (Safford) Killam of Wenham, and was born about 1653. He married Martha Solart of Wenham about 1680, and had several sons, one of whom, Samuel, married Grace, daughter of Zerubbabel Endicott, from whom Mr. Killam purchased the farm.

Mr. Killam's son John succeeded him on the place. He was born in Wenham in 1695, married, in 1725, Abigail, daughter of Samuel Symonds, one of the neighbors, and had three children, one of whom became the wife of Capt. Israel Herrick, of French war and revolutionary fame, and Mary married Benjamin Thompson of Wilmington. Mr. Killam's other child John settled on the farm.

Mr. Killam died in 1738, when John was but nine years of age. The widow resided upon the place and reared her children. John, at the age of thirty-four, married Priscilla Bradstreet of Topsfield, a descendant of Governor Bradstreet, and had a family of ten children:—Anna married Stephen Peabody, who resided at No. 69; Priscilla married Phineas Foster, who lived in No. 123; John died at sea, unmarried; Abigail married Benjamin Upton of Reading; Elizabeth married Billy Bradstreet of Boxford; Molly married John Curtis of Boxford; Joseph resided in No. 32; Samuel lived on his father's place; Oliver



settled at No. 153; and Asa, born in 1785, served in the army in the war of 1812, came home and helped his father in haying, and left home to go to Boston, being never heard from again by any of his relatives or friends.

Samuel Killam, the successor of his father on the homestead, was born in 1779, married Lois Holt of Reading in 1807, and had ten children. Two of their sons, Samuel and George B., have since resided on the farm. Two other sons became physicians, and upon beginning their practice had their names changed to Bartlett. One of these, Joseph Elbridge, practised for many years in Boston and Charlestown, and was for several years president of the Mystic river association. The other, Cyrus, is the superintendent of the State asylum for the insane at St. Peter, Minn.

148.

G. B. KILLAM CELLAR. — On the southeast side of the road leading from Mr. Thomas Fuller's to the late Joseph N. Pope's house in the rear of the residence of Messrs. Samuel and George B. Killam was an old cellar. No one remembers the house. The well was on the northwest side of the road. The land now belongs to Mr. George B. Killam, and was a part of the old Killam homestead, No. 147.

149.

BIMSLEY PEABODY CELLAR. — Near the residence of Messrs. George B. and Samuel Killam, at the junction of the roads to the west of the house, is a cellar over which stood an ancient dwelling, two stories in height, about twenty-five feet long and eighteen feet wide, with the end toward the road.

The first family that lived here, of which we have learned, was that of Amos Gould, who married Huldah Foster in 1759. He died in 1772, and in 1782 the heirs, Huldah



Gould, weaver, Ezra Gould and Amos Gould, yeomen, and Phebe Gould, spinster, all of Boxford, sold the place to Bimsley Peabody. The farm then consisted of twenty-five acres. The widow Gould married Capt. Benjamin Kimball two years later, and removed to Bridgton, Maine.

How long Mr. Peabody lived here is not known. He was succeeded upon the place by his son Oliver Peabody, and he was followed by Joseph Averill of North Andover, and by Charles Smith, respectively. About 1865, the place was purchased by Mr. Samuel Killam, who, after letting it to transient tenants for several years, took it down in 1878.

150.

S. KILLAM CELLAR.—Between the B. Peabody cellar, No. 149, and the residence of Messrs. George B. and Samuel Killam is an old cellar on land of Mr. Samuel Killam. No one remembers the house that stood there.

151.

ELLIOT CELLAR.—In the pasture near the river, south of the house of Messrs. George B. and Samuel Killam, is an old cellar. No one remembers the house that stood over it. It is probable that in 1782 Stephen Elliot owned and lived upon the place. The land now belongs to Mr. Samuel Killam.

152.

POPE HOUSE.—The residence of the late Joseph N. Pope was the armory that was built by the town in 1840 for the accommodation of the *Boxford Washington Guards*, at an expense of \$370. It was built by David Dwinnell, and stood in the corner of Rev. Mr. Alcott's field north-erly of Rev. Mr. Coggin's. A few years later it was sold to Mr. Pope, who removed it to its present site and fitting it up into a dwelling house occupied it until his death,



which occurred about 1880. His widow died two years later, and since that time her sister has occupied the house. Mr. Pope was from Salem. He died without issue. He was noted for his modesty and patriotism, never failing as each succeeding Independence day dawned to float from the gable of his house the loved stars and stripes.

153.

O. KILLAM HOUSE.—The Oliver Killam place was a part of the eight hundred acres that Zaccheus Gould owned. Thomas Newmarch of Ipswich came into possession of a part of it, at least, and in 1701 he sold one-fourth of it to Thomas Cummings of Topsfield. Mr. Cummings probably resided on a portion of this two hundred acres. The farm of Mr. Killam came into the possession of Jacob Cummings, a son of Thomas, and in 1788 he sold it to Edmund Herrick of Middleton, with the buildings thereon. He was a son of John Herrick, who lived at Nos. 65 and 163.

Mr. Herrick lived here ten years. By his wife Hitty Curtis of Middleton he had six children: Hitty, who married — Dodge of Wenham, Artemas, who lived in Methuen, Lucy, Almira, Pamela, and Caroline, who married Seth Burnham and lived at No. 251.

In 1798, Mr. Herrick sold the farm to Cornelius Gould of Danvers for \$1250, and returned to Middleton. (See No. 170.) The farm then consisted of one hundred and fifteen acres. Mr. Gould had removed to Danvers the year before from No. 132. He had, by his two wives, Phebe Porter and Lydia Jenkins of Andover, eight children, one of whom, Joseph Porter, died in Middleton in 1881, being upward of eighty years of age. One of the daughters, Betsey, married Oliver Killam, who was born in No. 147 in 1781. To him Mr. Gould conveyed the place in 1820.



Mr. Killam resided here, and was the father of the late William E., and of Oliver P. and Leonard beside others. After his death in 1865, the place remained in the possession of the heirs for several years, and was finally sold to Mr. Henry K. Kennett in 1876. He lived here a short time, and then conveyed the farm, in the same year, to Messrs. Henry A. Putnam and E. Payson Trask of Danvers. The house is now and has been for several years past occupied by Mr. John Gould.

154.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. JOHN SAWYER.—The residence of the late John Sawyer was undoubtedly built by Stephen Gould about 1750. Mr. Gould was a son of John and Hannah (Curtis) Gould, who lived at No. 138, and was born in 1724. He married Hannah Perkins of Topsfield in 1748. They had eight children, one of whom, Elijah, was in the army of the Revolution and died at the age of twenty-three, two others died young, and the rest of them settled in Mont Vernon and Hillsboro', N. H. March 26, 1762, Mr. Gould sold out to Ebenezer Killam of Boxford, for £313, "the farm on which I now live," there being about sixty-eight acres, and the only incumbrance "the highway lately laid out by the court of general sessions of the peace." This was doubtless the road by Howe's mills. Mr. Gould then bought and removed to No. 129.

Mr. Killam was a son of Thomas and Sarah Killam, and was born in Boxford in 1714. Thomas' father Thomas Killam was from Wenham, and the father of the heads of the three Killam families that settled here in the beginning of the eighteenth century, Samuel, Thomas and John. Ebenezer Killam married Hannah Lummus (then spelled "Lummux") of Ipswich Hamlet, in 1738. He married, for his second wife, in 1767, widow Mary Peabody. He had several children.

June 10, 1771, he conveyed the farm to his son Thomas for £200. The place is described as follows:—"A certain farm situate and lying in Boxford aforesaid, with a dwelling house and a barn thereon standing and containing by estimation about one hundred acres be the same more or less and is bounded as followeth, beginning at a stake and stones at the southwesterly corner thence running easterly by land of Jacob Cummings as Cummings' land goes across both the town and county road to a stake and stones near the Fishing brook, so called, thence running northerly by said brook to land of Richard Foster to a stake and stones by said brook, thence running and turning by said Foster's land till it comes to a stake and stones at a corner, thence southerly still by said Foster's land to a stake and stones by land of Elijah Porter, thence southerly by land of said Porter to the last mentioned bounds, with all the appurtenances^s; and also another lot of meadow land lying in Boxford aforesaid in Long meadow, so called, and contains about five acres more or less, and is bounded on the easterly and southerly sides by meadow of John Stiles and heirs of Abraham Redington, deceased, and on all other sides by meadow and upland of Jacob Cummings." Mr. Killam may have removed from town.

He was succeeded on the place by his son Thomas, who was born in Boxford in 1744. He married Sarah Fuller of Middleton in 1771, and died about 1782. His widow married, secondly, in 1785, Samuel Wilkins, jr., of Middleton, whither the family removed. Mr. Killam had several children, one of whom, Polly, married Dr. George W. Sawyer, and another, Sarah, who was born here in 1778, married the Doctor's brother, John Sawyer, a native of Ipswich. The farm came into the possession of this John Sawyer about 1800, when his marriage occurred.

Mr. Sawyer resided here as long as he lived, and both

his wife and himself died here at a good old age. After his death the farm came into the possession of his son John, who owned and carried it on until his death in 1891, at the age of eighty-seven. His widow and daughter Mary still reside there.

155.

R. K. FOSTER HOUSE.—The residence of the late Richard K. Foster was built by himself in 1841. He was born in No. 156, and died here in 1889. Since his death his son Richard Allen Foster and son-in-law Leander H. Cheney have resided on the farm.

156.

R. FOSTER CELLAR.—The old Foster house that recently stood over the cellar across the road from the residence of the late Richard K. Foster was very ancient, being called "the old dwelling house" in 1762.

This was an old Stiles place. In 1762, John Stiles of Boxford, for £200, conveyed it with half of his right in the saw-mill to his grandson Edmund Stiles. In 1764, Abraham Redington sold to Richard Foster of Boxford one-half of the corn mill and one-half of the saw mill for £173, and on the same day Mr. Foster purchased the farm of Mr. Stiles for £260 13s. 4d.

Richard Foster was son of Jonathan and Hannah (Peabody) Foster and was born in No. 91, in 1733. He married Elizabeth Kimball of Andover in 1761, and had seven children. One of them was Phineas, who lived at No. 123, and another was Asa, who was born in 1766.

Asa married Dolly Morrill of Salisbury in 1802, and succeeded his father on this place, dying here in 1831 at the age of sixty-five. Their three children were sons, the youngest of whom, born in 1809, was Richard Kimball Foster, who took the old house down about 1875. He

built a new house across the street, No. 155, and resided there from 1841 to his death in 1889.

Otis Atherton lived in this old house about 1835, and died here. He came from Mansfield. His widow died at Oniville, near Providence, R. I. Mr. Atherton was father of Mr. William H. Atherton and of Hiram Atherton, father of George W. Atherton, president of the Pennsylvania State College, who was born in Boxford.

157.

J. K. COLE HOUSE.—Between the road and the house where the late Dea. John Kimball Cole resided was an old house owned by John Stiles in 1768. Mr. Stiles married Phebe Merassir, and in 1769 sold the place to Simeon Stiles for £133 6s. 8d. Simeon was a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Foster) Stiles, and was born in Boxford in 1744. He was a grandson of John and Eleanor (Pearl) Stiles, of Boxford. He had five children born here, and his wife Mary died here in 1826, at the age of eighty-five. Mr. Stiles survived her until the spring of 1831, when he died at the age of eighty-six.

The old willow in the yard was brought from Danvers as a walking stick by Simeon Stiles in the revolutionary era. He placed one end of it in the ground, and it took root, being to-day sixteen feet in circumference. The middle of the tree has decayed and fallen out, so that its trunk is divided into two parts, a fence passing between them.

Mr. Stiles' youngest son Asa resided upon the place and took care of it during his father's declining years. In 1850, Asa sold to Mr. Cole, who removed here from Topsfield. Asa Stiles removed to the old Foster house, No. 156, and subsequently died, at the age of eighty-two, at Moses Gould's, No. 129, where he was boarding. He was born in March, 1779, and died in March, 1861.

Mr. Cole was born at No. 209, in 1814, was a member of the State legislature in 1862, and deacon of the First church from 1852 to 1889, and died in 1891. His family continue to reside upon the place. Among his four children is Mr. Jefferson K. Cole, a school teacher in Peabody. Deacon Cole took the old house down and erected the present edifice in 1856.

158.

STILES CELLAR.—There is an old cellar a few rods south of the residence of Mr. Samuel A. Frye. In 1769, this was called in a deed "an old cellar." A Stiles family is supposed to have lived there.

159.

RESIDENCE OF S. A. FRYE.—Where Mr. Samuel A. Frye's house stands, William Harrison Harriman of Groveland erected a two-story dwelling house in the summer of 1838. He resided in it until 1845, when he sold the place to Augustus A. Hayward of Boxford, and then removed to Georgetown, where he kept a store for many years. Mr. Hayward lived here until 1849, when he sold to Nathan Towne of Boxford, and built the house No. 162, to which he removed. In 1872, Mr. Towne sold out to Theophilus and Samuel A. Frye and, three years later, Theophilus sold his interest in the place to Samuel, who has since owned and occupied it. The buildings were burned on the night of June 17, 1882, and the next fall Mr. Frye erected his present residence on the same site.

160.

EMERY CELLAR.—A number of rods east of the residence of Mr. Samuel A. Frye, on the same side of the street was an old cellar. The lot in which it is located has been known for three-quarters of a century as the "Briggs' Or-

chard," it having been a portion of Parson Briggs' farm. The oldest inhabitants do not remember to have ever seen the house.

Stephen Emery, from Newbury, married Deliverance Stiles in 1743, and resided on this place. He died between 1755 and 1760, and his widow married in 1764 Elisha Towne, father of John Towne, who lived at Nos. 176 and 177. This John Towne was the grandfather of Mr. Henry A. Towne. Mr. Emery had six children: David, Stephen (who died in infancy), Stephen, John, Jesse and Rebecca. John was born in 1750, married Elizabeth Perkins in 1769, and probably lived here. He had only two children baptized here, Francis and David, in 1771 and 1772. In the latter year he removed to Rindge, N. H., where he founded an extensive family. Two or more of the Emerys served in the Revolutionary army.

Deliverance Stiles' sister Abigail married John Emery of Newbury, doubtless a brother of Stephen Emery.

Stephen Emery had a gate at his end of the road that now leads from Mr. Frye's house to the late Deacon Cole's house. It was called "Emery's gate" in 1753, and as late as 1823.

161.

RESIDENCE OF W. FRENCH.—May 10, 1852, Laura R., wife of Abraham T. Pierce of Boxford, bought a house lot of Augustus Hayward, who then owned the Gillis place, No. 163, and built the present residence of Mr. Walter French upon it. Her heir-at-law, Miss Sarah Cordelia Pierce of Danvers, sold the place to Mr. French in 1874, and he has since lived there.

162.

HAYWARD HOUSE.—Augustus Hayward lived with his grandfather Nat Long at No. 205. He married, and for

a while resided where Mr. S. Porter Peabody lives, No. 193. In 1848, he bought of Dean Andrews the mills now in the possession of Mr. Solomon W. Howe, and built this house the next year, moving here from No. 159. He ran the saw- and grist-mill and did considerable in the ship-timber business.

He died in 1872, childless, and the place came into the possession of his sister, Mrs. Albert Perley, being occupied by tenants, Mr. John Cass living there for several years prior to 1891, when he moved into his new house, No. 298.

163.

HOTEL REDINGTON.—This house was probably built by Thomas Redington at the beginning of the eighteenth century. He was a son of Thomas and Mary (Kimball) Redington, married in 1723, Hepzibah, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Osgood) Perley, who lived at No. 6, and resided on this place.

In 1751, he sold the farm and half the corn-mill to Thomas Andrews, who was a son of John and Patience (Andrews) Andrews. He was born in Boxford in 1717, married Margaret Bradstreet of Topsfield in 1739, and had children, David, Jonathan, Elizabeth and Mary, born in Boxford.

Mr. Andrews sold the place to Jacob Kimball of Topsfield, blacksmith, in 1764, and the next year Mr. Kimball sold out to John Herrick of Topsfield for £453 6s. 8d. Mr. Herrick removed to the farm, and lived there for several years. He was a cooper by trade.

In 1774, Mr. Herrick exchanged farms with Gideon Bixby, who owned the farm now in the possession of Mr. Israel Herrick, No. 65. This farm then contained one hundred acres.



Mr. Bixby's mother moved to this house with him, and died here in 1795. The *Salem Gazette*, in its issue of Feb. 10, 1795, contained the following obituary notice of her :—

"Monday morning, January 19th, departed this life Mrs. Rebecca Gould of Boxford, in the 75th year of her age—A sincere christian, who through life adorned the doctrine of God her saviour, ever kept up an equanimity of mind through all the changing scenes, and 'patience possessed her soul.' 'As we are all journeying to our 'long home,' let us be followers of them, 'who through faith and patience, inherit the promises.' The regret expressed by her surviving children and friends, sensibly speaks her worth. Her remains were decently interred the Wednesday following, a large number of people collected, and a well adapted discourse was delivered by Francis Quarles A. M. from Psalm xvi. 9. '*My flesh shall rest in hope.*'"

In 1816, Mr. Bixby sold the place to Abner Wood, a merchant of Newburyport, and he sold it to Samuel Peabody, jr., of Boxford, in 1818.

In 1842, Mr. Peabody sold the place to John K. Cole, who, in 1850, conveyed it to Augustus Hayward, who owned it until 1855, when he sold out to Osgood Dale, jr., of Boxford. In 1859, Mr. Dale conveyed the place to his father Osgood Dale, sr., and in 1868 Mr. Dale's heirs, Osgood Dale of Groton, Mass., and David T. Dale and Henry W. Dale, both of Chester, N. H. sold to Daniel S. Gillis, who had come from Maine five years previously. Mr. Gillis resided upon the place until his death in 1891. He dropped dead while lifting a trunk into a carriage in front of his residence which he had conducted as a public house for several years, under the name of Hotel Redington.

164.

RESIDENCE OF J. AVERILL.—Mr. John Averill's house was erected by James M. Peabody in 1844. Mr. Averill has lived here many years.



165.

RESIDENCE OF H. MOULTON.—Capt. Henry Moulton, formerly of Wenham, on retiring from the sea, came to Boxford and built a house in 1874, and has since resided in it.

166.

JAMES ANDREWS CELLAR.—There was an old cellar on the southwest side of the road about one-fourth of the way between the residence of Mr. Samuel A. Frye and the Second-district school-house. Over this cellar stood a house long gone and almost forgotten, the cellar having been filled many years ago.

The first occupant of this old house that we have learned of was James Andrews, who moved to this place from the Twisden house, No. 175, in 1769. He had lost a very promising son, nineteen years old, the year before, and in the summer of 1773, another son, eighteen years of age, ran away, probably going to sea. Mr. Andrews inserted the following notice in the *Essex Gazette*, at the time, hoping that he might find him :

“Whereas my Son, *James Andrews*, a little upwards of eighteen Years old, without any Leave or Licence from me, absented himself from my Business one Week since, and I am apprehensive that he intends to ship himself to go to Sea, as he said he would: Therefore I hereby caution all Masters of Vessels not to ship him on board any of their Vessels, nor make any Bargain or Bargains with him, and also all other Persons from making any Bargains with him, as they may expect to answer the Penalties of the Law.

“*July 19, 1773.*

“JAMES ANDREWS, of Boxford.”

Probably the same year the family removed to Bridgton, Maine, which was then being settled. This James Andrews was an uncle to “Sir” Nathan, father of the late Samuel, Daniel and Dean Andrews.

The next owner was Elijah Dwinnell, a tailor by trade. He was a son of Thomas and Hannah (Towne) Dwinnell.

nell, and was born in Topshfield in 1739. He married Sarah, daughter of Elisha Towne, and after living at this place resided at the Towne farm, No. 176. In the spring of 1774, he sold this place to John Smith of Boxford for £102 15s. The barn then stood across the street, and the well was southeast of the house.

Before 1813, this real estate probably became a part of the adjoining Symonds farm, the buildings being gone.

167.

RESIDENCE OF CORNELIUS PEARSON.—Mr. Cornelius Pearson's house was built probably by Abraham Redington about 1763. He was a son of Thomas and Hephzibah (Perley) Redington, and probably born at No. 163 in 1729. He married Sarah Kimball in 1757, and moved here from No. 173. He was a housewright by trade. He sold out to his wife's brother-in-law Moses Putnam in 1766, but probably continued to live here until 1770, when he removed to Waterville, Maine, where he died in 1805, being one of the first settlers. He had seven children, one of whom Samuel lived in Hampden, Maine, and was a member of the Maine legislature in 1850, *his* son being adjutant-general of the state and mayor of Augusta.

Mr. Redington had made potash at this place, and when he sold out to Mr. Putnam the potash works were excepted. They are mentioned in 1775, but in a deed of the place in 1777, they are not referred to.

Moses Putnam was from Danvers. He married, in 1771, Rebecca Kimball, a sister of his grantor's wife. They had two children born here, Stephen and Sarah. Mr. Putnam sold this place to Jacob Perley of Boxford in 1775, and probably removed from town.

Jacob Perley was a son of Capt. Francis and Huldah (Putnam) Perley, and was born in No. 75 in 1751. He



married Dolly Wood in 1775, and lived the first two years of his married life on this place, where their first child, Jacob, was born. In 1777, Mr. Perley sold out to Daniel Adams, of Beverly, and removed to Reading. He died in Byfield parish, Newbury, in 1832, at the age of eighty. His son, Jeremiah, born in Byfield in 1784, was a prominent lawyer in Maine.

Daniel Adams, the next owner, probably never lived here. He was a mariner. In 1781, he sold out to Joseph Symonds of Boxford, who had probably hired the place, and lived upon it, while Mr. Adams owned it.

Mr. Symonds was a son of Joseph and Sarah (Gould) Symonds, and was born in 1754. He married Susanna Hale in 1776, before which time he had lived a while in Bradford. He was a blacksmith by trade.

Miss Lucy Peabody (who was born in 1784) said that she attended school in the east chamber of this house, and that the scholars would slide down the back roof of the blacksmith shop of Mr. Symonds, which stood near the house.

Mr. Symonds had a large family of children. His son Samuel, on a Saturday afternoon in October, 1804, went to West Boxford on a cavalry parade. When his mother was putting the brown bread, pudding and beans into the oven to be baked that afternoon, she saw what appeared to her to be spots of blood on the bricks. Some two hours afterward the lifeless body of her son was brought home. While riding down the hill near Dr. Eaton's residence he had fallen from his horse and been instantly killed.

Captain Symonds sold the farm in 1813 to Jeremiah Young of Newburyport, and removed to Bradford, where he was killed by lightning June 18, 1823. His wife survived him. In the conveyance the blacksmith shop was excepted, and was to be removed within six months.



While here on a visit, Captain Young's mother, Mrs. Rebecca Young of Wellfleet, died in 1819, at the age of ninety-four. Captain Young took a number of the students of the academy to board, and among them was Gen. Fred Lander, who met his fate on the western frontier. General Lander's brother Edward, a western judge, and now of Washington, D. C., also lived here while he attended the academy.

Captain Young resided here until 1840, when the place was sold at auction to Daniel Wells, who lived here a few years. By the foreclosure of a mortgage the place came into Mr. Young's hands again.

The heirs of Captain Young sold the farm to Jonathan Pearson of Newburyport in 1845, and upon his decease it passed to his son Mr. Cornelius Pearson, who is the present owner and occupier.

168.

W. GURLEY HOUSE.—William Gurley built a small one-story house near the residence of Mr. Cornelius Pearson at the close of the war of the Rebellion, and lived in it until his death, which occurred in 1873, at the age of seventy-eight. His widow then occupied it until she died about 1888. Since then the house has been moved up the street to the Towne road.

169.

RESIDENCE OF W. G. MATTHEWS.—The house in which Mr. William G. Matthews resides was built by Maj. Samuel Perley in 1840. He sold it in 1870 to Mr. Augustus E. Bachelder of Boston, who has since owned it. The west end was occupied by Miss Lucy Peabody, who died in 1869; then by ——Whittemore; then by William Twisden; and for the last few years Prof. Geo. H. Palmer made it his residence. The east end was first occupied by

Samuel Horace Towne, now of Beverly; then by Orrin Stone; then by the late George Perley, Esq., son of the builder, from his marriage in 1845 to 1848; then by Nathan Towne; then by Stephen Peabody, late of Newburyport; then by William White; then by Albert Brown from 1857 to 1870; and since the latter date by Mr. Matthews.

170.

BRIGGS HOUSE.—This house belonged to John Willet, a weaver, in 1774. He came from Newbury, where he married Mary Noyes in 1759. In 1766, the land belonged to the Peabody farm, No. 172, and probably Mr. Willet built the house in or just before 1774. In 1781, the farm consisted of fifty-seven acres. The barn stood in the latter year about five rods east of the house. Mr. Willet had two children baptized in Boxford: Moses, in 1776, and Silas Noyes, in 1780. He sold the farm to Elisha Gould of Middleton in 1781.

Mr. Gould was a son of Daniel and Lucy (Tarbox) Gould of Topsfield, and was born in 1755. He married Elizabeth Peabody of Middleton in 1779. They had three children, all daughters. Mr. Gould sold the place to Edmund Herrick of Middleton in 1799. Mr. Herrick had lived in No. 153, which see.

Mr. Herrick divided the farm, selling most of the land to Richard Foster and Asa Foster in 1801, and the house and house-lot of one acre to Enoch Foster of Salem, a cordwainer, in 1802.

Mr. Herrick removed to Chester, N. H., having married, first, Mehitable Curtis of Middleton in 1786; and, second, Rachel White. By his first wife he had eight children: Mehitable, who married Benjamin Dodge of Wenham; Artemas, who resided in Methuen; Lucy, who married E. Stevens of Danvers; Almira, who married Timothy J.



Stevens; Pamela; Caroline, who married Seth Burnham of Boxford; John, who resided in Salem; and Israel.

In 1809, Mr. Foster, still of Salem, sold the place to Rev. Isaac Briggs, from York, Maine, who had been settled over the first church here the year before.

In 1833, Mr. Briggs removed to Chatham on Cape Cod, and in 1835 sold out to Messrs. George Harriman and William Peabody, both of Boxford. Mr. Peabody conveyed his interest in the place to Mr. Harriman in 1839. Mr. Harriman was from Groveland, and resided here while he owned the place.

Samuel Adams removed here from No. 193 about 1839. His wife died here in February, 1841. Then Mr. Adams boarded out in Middleton, where he died about 1845. He had three daughters, one of whom died when only thirteen days old.

Samuel's father, Dea. John Adams, spent a considerable portion of the time with his son here. He went about attending to the spiritual, and also to the temporal wants of the sick and suffering of the neighborhood for miles around. He was born in Hamilton, and settled in Salem, where he was a deacon of the Tabernacle church. His last days were spent in his native town, where he died in a good, old age, leaving a memory sweet with Christian influences.

William E. Killam bought the place of Mr. Harriman in 1847, and lived here until 1865, when he sold the farm to Mr. William G. Todd, and moved to No. 24.

Mr. Todd sold out to Lucy M., wife of Dea. Julius A. Palmer, in the same year, and she conveyed it to Mr. Augustus E. Bachelder in 1869. In 1881, Mr. Bachelder sold it to Mr. Erving Winslow of Boston, who resided here one or two summers, and then conveyed the place (in 1884) to Prof. Geo. H. Palmer, who has recently married



Miss Alice Freeman, president of Wellesley college, and now resides here.

171.

PALMER HOUSE.—The Deacon Palmer house was built in 1826 by Maj. Jacob Peabody. Dea. Julius A. Palmer of Boston married a daughter of Major Peabody, and the place came into his possession. Deacon Palmer spent his summers here until his death in 1872. The place still remains in the possession of the family.

Mr. Palmer was an original proprietor of the widely-known firm of Palmer, Bachelder & Co., jewellers, Boston, and was a state senator from Essex county in 1869.

172.

J. PEABODY CELLAR.—Capt. John Peabody, one of the earliest settlers of Boxford, built his residence, about 1660, where the barn of the late Deacon Palmer now stands. Mr. Peabody was a son of Lt. Francis Peabody, an emigrant from England, and was the first Peabody born in America. He was born in 1642, and in 1665 married Hannah, a daughter of Robert Andrews of the village. She became the mother of his eleven children, and died in 1702, being buried in Malden. The next year he married Sarah Mosely of Dorchester, and died 5 July, 1720, at the age of seventy-eight. He was the first school-master of Boxford; was town clerk for twenty-four years; was captain in the militia; was for many years a selectman, and several times represented the town in the early sessions of the General Court. Of his children, John died in Spain when about thirty years of age; Francis died in France, at the age of twenty-six; Moses died in Cochecho, now Dover, N. H., when about twenty years old; and Ruth was the mother of the Hon. Aaron Wood.

Captain Peabody's son David—Ensign David, as he was



called — settled on the homestead. He married Sarah Pope of Dartmouth in 1704, and died in 1726 at the age of forty-eight. She married, secondly, Joseph Kinsman of Ipswich ten years later and removed thither, taking the younger children with her. One died there of the throat distemper the same year, at the age of ten years. The son named David was the grandfather of George Peabody, the London banker, and the son named Thomas resided in West Boxford, we believe in the house of his grandson, the late Benjamin Peabody (No. 260).

Ensign David's son John Peabody was his successor on this homestead. He was born in 1714, married Mary Chadwick in 1736, a month before his mother married Mr. Kinsman and removed, and died in 1765. Two years later his widow married Ebenezer Killam. John had ten children, among whom were Moses, who resided upon the place, Asa, who resided in No. 113, and Jedediah, who in 1780 settled in Warner, N. H., where he lived for a short time in a house that stood in the "Peabody pasture," so called, now owned by Joshua Sanborn, and removed to and settled in Henniker, N. H. Dr. Leonard W. Peabody of Henniker was Jedediah's grandson.

Moses Peabody who succeeded his father on the place was born in 1744, and married Hannah Foster in 1767, both being admitted to the First church the next year. Moses had ten children, among them being Jacob, the father-in-law of Deacon Palmer, Lucy, who taught in our schools, and who is mentioned in connection with No. 167, Charles, who resided in No. 99, and Nancy, who was the wife of the late Maj. Samuel Perley.

The old house stood until the spring of 1863, when Deacon Palmer took it down. For several years it had served as a tenement house. It was a large two-story square mansion, and, some think, originally a garrison house, be-



cause one end was lined with bricks. The chimney was very large, measuring forty-five feet in circumference at its base. There were three fireplaces in it on the ground floor, and another in one of the chambers. While in the last days of its existence it presented a most forlorn and

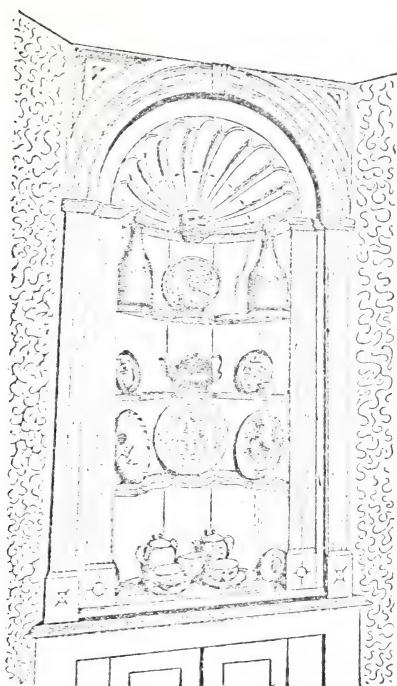


OLD PEARODY MANSION.

dreary appearance. It stood in an open field, and in front, near the road, was an old tumble-down wall over which the blackberry and other vines grew luxuriantly.

In connection with the picture of the old house is given a cut of the ancient beaufet that occupied a corner of one

of the front rooms in the first story. When the old mansion was taken down the beaufet was brought to Salem and is now in the studio of Mr. Edwin N. Peabody on Summer street. It is the most artistic closet of this kind that we have ever seen.



THE OLD BEAUFET.

Moses Peabody by his will, dated Jan. 16, 1815, gave this place to his son Charles. The will was proved in March, 1826, and the same month Charles sold it to his brother Jacob of Boston. In the same year, Jacob built the house now standing, No. 171, and moved into it.

In 1837, the barn here stood across the street.

173.

G. PERLEY HOUSE.—The George Perley place was owned years ago by Nathan Kimball. In 1763, it was sold by Abraham Redington to Nicholas Dodge of Beverly, a cooper, with the buildings thereon, and removed to the Pearson house, No. 167.

Mr. Dodge turned farmer, and resided here for twelve years. By his wife Experience, he had at least two children, Lydia and Isaac. In the fall of 1775, for £240, he sold out to Elijah Averill of Middleton, shoemaker.



Mr. Averill removed here where he resided for the rest of his life. He died in 1809 or before, leaving a widow Hannah. He had a daughter Hannah born here who survived him. The widow married, second, a Mr. Peabody, and resided in Middleton, where she died in 1825, leaving a will in which she gave all her real estate in Boxford with the buildings thereon to Jonathan Kenney, "the beloved friend and intended husband of my daughter Hannah Averill." The will was disapproved. The next year Maj. Samuel Perley bought the farm (with the barn on the south side of the road) of the heirs who were as follows, viz. :— Edmund Perkins, Esq., of Lyndsboro, N. H., Timothy Berry of Beverly ; Bill Russell, Esq., and wife Phebe of Woburn ; widow Rhoda Symonds, widow Lucy Lang, Jonathan Berry, Nathaniel Gerry and wife Nancy all of Salem ; Joseph Berry of East Andover, Me., Joseph Lathrop and wife Betsy of Boston, Joseph B. Thownes and wife Harriet, Jonathan B. Perkins, William Berry and wife Caroline, Hamilton L. Perkins, Hamlet H. Perkins, Tarrant Aug. Perkins, Bimsley Perkins, Dr. Ebenezer Larned and wife Catherine S., all of Hopkinton, N. H. ; Joshua Lovejoy and wife Sarah of Sanbornton, N. H. ; Nehemiah Perkins of Stowe, Vt. ; Josiah Boynton and wife Lydia of Westford ; Andrew Perkins of Philadelphia, Pa. ; Timothy Perkins, Warren Perkins, Andrew Perkins, Elliot Perkins and Jonathan Perkins, all of Reading, and Betsy Perkins of Reading, single-woman.

Of Mrs. Peabody, the place was hired by Mr. Peabody, father of the wife of Maj. Samuel Perley, who lived in the old house. He bought the place and built the present house on the site of the old house in 1830, afterward living and dying here. His son George Perley also passed most of his life here, and his family and sister still keep possession.

174.

RESIDENCE OF R. W. EMERSON.—Mr. Rufus W. Emerson erected his house, on land bought of Misses Sarah P. and Lucy A. Perley in 1884, and has since resided in it.

175.

RESIDENCE OF S. TWISDEN.—Mr. Samuel Twisden's farm was owned by James Andrews in 1768. He was a son of Robert and Deborah Andrews, and was born, perhaps on this place, in 1721. He married, first, Ruth Wood in 1746-47. She died in 1764, and he married, second, Elizabeth Bryant in 1765. In 1769, he removed to No. 166, selling this place, with the buildings thereon, to his brother Nathan Andrews. The farm consisted of one hundred and ten acres.

The year before his removal from this farm, James Andrews' son John died here. The *Essex Gazette*, in its issue of Sept. 13, 1768, contains the following obituary notice of him :

"*Danvers, September 12, 1768.* We hear from Boxford, that on Tuesday, the 6th Instant, died there, Mr. *John Andrews*, a Youth of exemplary Virtue, the eldest Son of Lieut. *James Andrews*, of that Town, in the 20th Year of his Age. He had been some Years in the Study of Physick, in the Theory of which he was a very considerable Proficient; and, had he lived, was likely to have made a flourishing Practitioner in that Profession. He was employed by the Selectmen of this Town to keep a School the last Winter, which he performed to general Acceptance; and from hence, at the Request of the Selectmen of Boxford, he removed there on the same Business, where he also performed to general Satisfaction; but by his intense and too close Application to his Business, and Study, he broke his Constitution, and fell into a Consumption, of which he died, to the great Grief of his Parents, and much lamented by all who knew him."

The farm was next owned by Thomas Gould, who came from Topsfield. He was a son of Thomas and Mary (Gould) Gould, was born in Topsfield in 1732, and married Anne Perkins of Topsfield in 1757. They had ten

children. He died in 1778, and his widow married, second, Andrew Foster of Andover in 1786. This farm continued in the possession of the family until 1800, when Mr. Gould's youngest son Andrew Gould, who was born here in 1777, having got five-sevenths of the farm into his hands, sold out to John Towne, jr., of Boxford, and removed to Middleton. He was a shoemaker by trade.

Mr. Towne sold the place in 1809 to his brother Solomon Towne, who was a sea-captain, and a resident of Salem. The present house was an old building, that Captain Towne made into a house about 1826, taking the old house down.

The place then came into a broker's hands, and was bought by Samuel Dale in 1830. Mr. Dale resided here until he was drowned in Rowley river, while boating salt hay, Sept. 10, 1836, at the age of thirty-six. His epitaph is as follows:—

“Entwined by all the tender ties of life,
To a dear child, and a beloved wife,
I strove in vain my precious life to save,
But sunk in death beneath the briny wave.

“Farewell! farewell! a sad, a long farewell!
With my dear friends on earth no longer can I dwell;
Friends and companions all, a sad a last adieu,
Prepare to follow me, I cannot come to you.”

The heirs of Mr. Dale, namely, his widow Betsey P. Dale and son Herbert A. Dale, both of Georgetown, sold the place to Mr. Samuel Twisden of Lynn in the spring of 1855, and he has since lived here.

176.

TOWNE CELLAR.—On the south side of the road about twenty-five rods east of the residence of Mr. Henry A. Towne, stood an old house a hundred years ago. This was the residence of Elias Smith previous to 1767. Mr. Smith married Ruth Stiles about 1717, and had three sons,



John, Nathaniel and Elias. Elias sold his undivided half to John in 1767, and removed, we think, to No. 52.

John Smith was born here in 1724, and married, first, Mary Foster in 1751, and, second, Martha Towne of Topsfield in 1760. He had two children, Abraham and Amos, one by each wife. Mr. Smith resided here until he sold out to Elijah Dwinnell of Boxford in 1777, and then probably removed from the town.

Elijah Dwinnell was a son of Thomas and Hannah (Towne) Dwinnell, of Topsfield, where he was born in 1739. He married, in 1762, Sarah, sister of John Towne, who afterward owned this place. He settled on this farm in the spring of 1777. He was a tailor by trade. The next day after his purchase he sold to his brother-in-law John Towne an undivided half of the farm, buildings, etc.

Mr. Dwinnell sold out his interest in the place in 1783, to Elisha Quimby of Londonderry, N. H., and removed from the farm. Mr. Quimby, and John Dwinnell with him, both of Londonderry, sold in 1789 to Thomas Emerson of Topsfield, who sold in April, 1790, to Asa Towne, the eldest son of John Towne, the owner of the other half of the place. Asa was then of Andover. He was a carpenter by trade, and in 1790 built the residence of Mr. Henry A. Towne for his father, who removed to it, and in 1808 bought out Asa's interest in the farm. Asa was then of Charlestown, and a trader. The old house was taken down shortly after the new one was built. See No. 177.

John Towne the first mentioned above was a son of Elisha and Sarah (Rhodes) Towne, and was born in Topsfield in 1740. His father came to Boxford, married widow Emery, and resided at No. 160 from 1764.

177.

RESIDENCE OF H. A. TOWNE.—The residence of Mr.



Henry A. Towne was built by his grandfather John Towne on his own land in 1790, his son Asa being the carpenter. Mr. Towne had previously lived in the old house, No. 176, which stood across the street about twenty-five rods east of the present house. John Towne married Anna Cummings of Ipswich in 1763, and had several children: Asa, Sarah, Anna, Amos, John, Solomon (who lived at No. 183), Joseph, Daniel, Samuel, Lucy and Oliver. He died in 1830, at the age of eighty-nine. The *Salem Gazette* in its issue of March 12, 1830, contained the following notice of his death:—

“In Boxford, on Monday morning, Mr. John Towne in the 90th year of his age. He was a soldier in the French war, 1759, and during most of the Revolutionary war. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and never saw the spot again until the late half century anniversary, when he visited Boston to attend the celebration. His death was very sudden, he having retired to bed late on Sunday evening in his usual good health and spirits.”

The powder-horn that Mr. Towne carried in the battle of Bunker Hill is in the possession of his great-grandson, Mr. Horatio Towne of Boston.

Mr. Towne's son Samuel succeeded him on the place. He was born here in 1783, married Charlotte Fletcher, and was the father of Henry A. Towne, the present owner and occupier of the farm, which descended to him from his father.

178.

CUMMINGS CELLAR.—A quarter of a mile east of the residence of Mr. Henry A. Towne is the “Molly farm,” on which lived Jacob Cummings and perhaps his father before him. His father was Thomas Cummings, who was born in 1670, and who was son of Isaac Cummings of Topsfield. His wife died here in 1738, at the age of fifty-six. He had four children born here between 1708 and 1717. The house has probably been gone fifty years. Thomas Cummings bought two hundred acres of land here of Thomas Newmarch of Ipswich in 1701.



Jacob Cummings was born in 1714. He married in 1745, and had seven children. He died in 1803, at the age of eighty-eight, his wife having preceded him some twenty years. Until 1788, he lived at No. 153. In that year he sold the place to Edmund Herrick of Middleton.

Mr. Cummings passed the last of his days we believe at No. 156. Two of his sons were Dudley and Thomas—two queer characters—whose non compos mentis state is well known to the older inhabitants. They lived with John Sawyer—father of the late resident of that name—until their deaths. Thomas was born in 1765, and died in 1834, at the age of sixty-eight. Dudley was born in 1748, and hung himself in Willis' woods, at "the college," in the summer of 1815. He went to "the college," which is a short distance from the site of the house, to gather herbs, carrying with him a line with which to tie his bundle. He stretched the line from one tree to another, several feet from the ground, near a large ledge whose perpendicular side was near the trees. Letting the larger part of his body lie on the top of the ledge, he placed his neck upon the line, and there lay until death ensued.

This was the home of Molly Smith for awhile, and this fact gave the name to the place. She also lived at No. 138.

179.

J. DWINNELLS CELLAR.—Jacob Dwinnell, or Dunnells, lived in Willis' woods, at the locality known as "the college," west of the residence of the late John Sawyer, and about a mile southeast of the house of Mr. Henry A. Towne. He was born in Topsfield in 1744, and was son of Thomas Dwinnell who resided in No. 122. He married in 1768, Mehitable, daughter of Elisha Towne, and sister of John Towne, who lived at No. 177, and had nine children, all born here. One of them was David Dwin-



nell, who was well known here fifty years ago as a carpenter and builder. He was born in 1779, and died, unmarried, at Samuel Towne's, where he had lived for years, Jan. 10, 1855, at the age of seventy-five.

We know nothing more of the old house; it was probably taken down at the beginning of this century.

180.

RESIDENCE OF J. PARKHURST.—The residence of John Parkhurst, Esq., was built by Mr. Gilman Harris in 1875. The next year Mr. Parkhurst bought it of Mr. Harris, and finished off the basement story into a store where he has since carried on the grocery trade. William W. Dresser, E. Choate Gurley and Frank L. Parkhurst lived in the house part until Mr. Parkhurst, the owner, removed here from No. 183 in 1887.

181.

RESIDENCE OF W. H. ATHERTON.—The residence of Mr. William H. Atherton was built as a barn by David Dwinnell near the Jerry Rea house. Mr. Atherton's brother purchased it, drew it to where it now stands, and made it into a house in the summer of 1850.

182.

REA CELLAR.—On the opposite side of the street from the residence of Mr. William H. Atherton, was an old cellar, which was filled a few years since by Mr. John Parkhurst, who now owns the field.

Dea. Aaron Kimball lived here before 1747. He was a son of Richard and Hannah (Dorman) Kimball, and was born in Boxford in 1705. He married, first, Sarah Wood in 1733; and, second, widow Mehitabel Kimball of Bradford in 1767. He was the grandfather of Capt. Samuel



Kimball. Mr. Kimball was a shoemaker by trade. In 1747, for £900, he sold this place to his brother Ephraim Kimball, who was of Boxford, and a cooper. The farm consisted of thirty acres. Deacon Kimball removed to No. 195, which he purchased at that time.

Ephraim Kimball was born in 1721. He married Elizabeth Gray of Andover in 1747. They had four children born here: Peter, Hannah, Susannah and Elizabeth. In 1762, Mr. Kimball sold out to Joshua Rea of Beverly, for £313 6s. 8d.

Mr. Rea married, first, in Beverly, Sarah —, and she was admitted to the church here in 1764. She died a few years later, and he married, secondly, Hannah Peabody in 1776. Mr. Rea died in 1784. In his will, which was proved, he gave all his real estate to his sons Joshua and William, equally. To his son Joshua he gave his "white-headed cane," also his sword, best powder horn and cartridge-box. William lived with his father for some time after coming of age. To his son Jonathan Frye Rea he bequeathed £66 13s. 4d. He also made bequests to his daughters, Mary Rea, Sarah Dwinnell and Lydia Peabody. Dea. John Dorman was the executor of the will.

His son Jonathan Frye Rea, who was born here in 1777, also lived here with his brother William. He was the father of Jeremiah Rea who was born here, and who resided at No. 102.

Joseph Willis and Samuel Phillips lived here while they worked for John Bentley in the cotton factory. In 1837, the house was owned by George Blackburn, and was gone a few years later.

183.

BENTLEY HOUSE. —At the match factory, iron manufacture was carried on as early as 1795. In 1805 there was here a fulling mill owned and carried on by Justus

Coburn. Owing notes as follows, to Ebenezer Peabody, \$300; Phineas Foster, \$100; David Cummings, \$400; Andrew Peabody, \$200; David Kimball, \$100, and Moses Hale, \$184, he mortgaged the mill and house, etc., to the two latter, David Kimball of Boxford and Moses Hale of Chelmsford, Oct. 1, 1805, to secure the payment of the above-mentioned notes. The mortgage was assigned to Enoch Foster of Boxford in July, 1807, and, for \$1300, April 28, 1809, Foster sold the mill, dwelling house, barn, etc., to Capt. Solomon Towne. Only one acre of land went with the mill.

Mr. Towne let the mill to Jabez Hayward in 1817. He put in a grist- and bolting-mill, and lived in this house, being here only during that year.

The mill and house came into the possession of George Blackburn, of whom the mill was hired by Hiram Atherton. Mr. Atherton's father, Otis Atherton, lived in No. 156. Hiram Atherton came here from Newburyport, and his son George W. Atherton, president of the Pennsylvania State College, was born here. Hiram left town, and by the assistance of the ladies of the parish, who became much interested in the development of his talents, the son obtained his education.

Captain Towne and others, who were interested in a mortgage upon the property, in 1829 conveyed it to Henry Gray of Roxbury, a merchant. The mortgage of one thousand dollars was held by the trustees of Phillips' Academy in Andover.

The place then passed into the hands of Charles McIntire, a broker of Boston, who sold it in 1831 to George Blackburn, a merchant of Boston, who leased the factory to various parties, one of whom was Peres Foster, who moved here from Norton, Mass., May 1, 1838. Mr. Foster manufactured cotton batting, wicking, twine and wick-yarn.

Mr. Foster moved to Foxboro', Mass., in the fall of 1843. His daughter married Daniel Russell, who lived in No. 118.

Mr. Foster's successor was John Bentley. He came the summer before Mr. Foster's departure. He was a native of Yorkshire, England. Another one who came with him was James Leach, a native of Taungend, England, who died in this house of the small-pox in 1854, and was buried seventy-five rods north of the house. Some of Mr. Bentley's employes were Joseph Willis and Samuel Phillips who lived in No. 182, and his son James Bentley who lived with his family in the other part of this house. Mrs. Bentley died about 1855, and Mr. Bentley died in the almshouse in 1865. July 10, 1866, Mr. Blackburn, then of Roxbury, sold the mill and land to Samuel A. Carlton of Somerville and Ezekiel G. Byam of Charlestown, match manufacturers, who established the business here, under the firm-name of Byam, Carlton & Co. In September, 1867, they manufactured the first matches made here. It is now owned by the Diamond Match Co., of New Haven, Conn., to whom it was sold by Byam, Carlton & Co.

Mr. John Parkhurst moved to this house from Charlestown May 10, 1869, and has since been the agent of the mill owners, residing in this house until 1887, when he removed to No. 180.

184.

RESIDENCE OF W. P. HOWE.—The house in which Mr. Willard P. Howe lives was built on land bought of Mr. S. Porter Peabody, by Mr. Joshua W. Cunningham in 1884. He lived here until the next year, when he sold the place to Mr. Burpy Stevenson and removed to Maine, his old home. Mr. Stevenson sold it to Mr. Howe in 1888.

185.

RESIDENCE OF D. KENNEY.—This was a carpenter shop built by Mr. Elisba B. Peabody near the residence of his father Mr. S. P. Peabody, in 1880. He finished it into a dwelling house in 1883, having moved it to the present site, and it has since been owned and occupied by Mr. Dexter Kenney.

186.

RESIDENCE OF J. W. PARKHURST.—The house in which Mr. J. William Parkhurst resides was owned in the last century by John Foster, son of John Foster, jr., of Andover. He was born in 1760, and married Dorcas Towne of Andover in 1782. His son, Joseph, succeeded him on the place.

Joseph Foster was born in 1783, and died, unmarried, in 1864, at the age of eighty. His epitaph is: "He denied himself for others good."

The farm is now owned by Mr. John Parkhurst. For more than twenty years after the death of Mr. Foster the house had various tenants, perhaps those who lived there the longest being Samuel P. Gurley and Samuel Perley.

187.

E. STILES CELLAR.—Across the street from the barn belonging to the residence of Mr. J. William Parkhurst, No. 186, was an old cellar, over which, as late as 1765, stood a house, which was occupied in 1707 by John Stiles. He was a son of Robert Stiles, one of the earliest settlers of Boxford, who lived where the late Dea. John K. Cole resided (No. 157), and was born there Jan. 30, 1661. John Stiles was made a freeman in 1690. He married Deliverance Towne of Topsfield in 1684, and had five

children. His wife died in 1705, and Dec. 15, 1707, he sold the place to his brother Timothy Stiles.

Timothy Stiles was born Oct. 1, 1678, where John was born; married Hannah Foster of Andover in 1702, and lived on this farm and in this house. He died in 1751, having had a family of nine children.

Timothy Stiles' son Ezra was the next owner and occupier of the place. He was born in the same house in 1715, and married Mary Warren in 1740. She died, and he married, secondly, widow Sarah Johnson of Andover in 1760. By both wives he had a family of thirteen children.

In October, 1765, Mr. Stiles sold out for £100, to Timothy Stiles of Boxford, probably his eldest son, who lived here until the close of the century, about which time the house went out of existence. Most of the farm lay in Andover.

188.

G. STILES CELLAR.—About a quarter of a mile northwest of the old Foster house, near the match factory, is an old cellar. The house that stood over it has probably been gone more than seventy-five years. It was the house of Gideon Stiles, an uncle of Mrs. Nathaniel Long. Gideon was a son of Timothy Stiles, and was born, probably at this place, in 1711. He married Sarah Faulkner of Andover in 1736, and had children, named David, Jesse and Sarah, baptized here.

189.

RESIDENCE OF D. MOORE.—The residence of Capt. Dennison Moore was erected by Richard Foster Gurley in 1853, on land bought of Tobias F. Gurley the year before. Mr. Gurley moved to Haverhill about 1885, and died there. Captain Moore has since resided on the place.

190.

HUSSEY HOUSE.—The residence of the late Franklin Hussey was built by Mr. Gilman Harris in 1874. Mr. Hussey lived in it from that time until about 1885, and since then it has been unoccupied a part of the time.

191.

RESIDENCE OF G. W. FOSTER.—Mr. George W. Foster's house was erected by Mr. Gilman Harris in 1873. Mr. Foster bought it shortly afterwards, and has since lived in it.

192.

E. B. PEABODY CELLAR.—Mr. Elisha Bradstreet Peabody built for himself, in 1883, a house across the road from his father's, Mr. S. Porter Peabody. He lived here until 1885, when he moved the house to Danvers.

193.

RESIDENCE OF S. P. PEABODY.—The farm of Mr. Samuel Porter Peabody was early in the occupation of Thomas Pickard, who was a brother of Samuel Pickard, the first occupant of No. 195. He was born in Rowley in 1691, married Mehitable Dresser, about 1720, and died in 1770. His children were Rebecca, who married Sampson Kilborn; Mehitable, who married John Dickinson of Rowley; James, the only son; and Elizabeth, who married Andrew Felton, jr., of Danvers.

James Pickard, the son, came into the possession of the place by his father's will. A few years later he sold out to Samuel Kimball and David Kimball, brothers. The farm contained at that time one hundred acres. Mr. Pickard was born here in 1727, married Hannah Nelson of Ipswich in 1754, and had nine children born here.

Samuel Kimball sold out his undivided half to David

in 1783. These were sons of Dea. Aaron Kimball, who resided at No. 195. The present house was built by David Kimball about 1800, on the site of the old one. Mr. Kimball married Rebecca Flint of Danvers in 1774, and had a large family, seven of their children having been baptized in church at one time.

When Mr. Kimball died, the place came into the possession of his son Josiah, who married Mary W., daughter of Dea. Parker Spofford and resided at No. 33. In 1844, he sold this place to Mr. Peabody the present owner.

While Mr. Kimball owned the place, Samuel Adams came from Salem, where he was born, married Sarah Butler of Topsfield in 1835, and first resided in this house. About 1839, the family removed to No. 170.

"There was a time when this old house
Was full of mirth and glee,
But one by one the household went
And left it all to me.—

A quiet house of vacant rooms, each made a sacred place
By echo of a missing voice, or dream of vanished face."

194.

RESIDENCE OF S. PEABODY.—Mr. Samuel Peabody built his house in 1882, a short distance from his father's, Mr. S. Porter Peabody.

195.

RESIDENCE OF D. BREMNER. — Between the house of the late Capt. Samuel Kimball and the street stood the residence of his grandfather Dea. Aaron Kimball. The first owner and occupant of the old house was Samuel Pickard. He was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hale) Pickard, and was born in Rowley in 1689. He married, first, Phebe Bixby of Boxford in 1713, and, second, Lydia Clarke before 1747. He had three children baptized in Boxford, Samuel in 1714, Phebe in 1723, and Jonathan

in 1726. In 1747, for £2130, he sold the farm, containing one hundred and twenty acres, to Dea. Aaron Kimball, who had just sold No. 182, where he had lived.

Deacon Kimball was a son of Richard Kimball, and was born in 1705. By his wife Sarah Wood, he had five children, the two youngest being sons. The first, David, built and lived in No. 193. The other son, Samuel, resided on the homestead.

Samuel Kimball was born here in 1747. The mother of his children was a daughter of General James Mugford of Marblehead. Mr. Kimball had but two children, Samuel and Mary (who died unmarried in 1868). Mrs. Kimball died in 1847, at the age of seventy-nine.

Samuel Kimball, jr., born here in 1801, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Sawyer, in 1831, and built the new house when he was married, taking down the old one at the same time.

Captain Kimball died in 1885, at the age of eighty-four, and since that time his son-in-law, Rev. David Bremner, has resided here.

196.

RESIDENCE OF D. LEHAN.—Mr. Dennis Lehan erected his house about 1870.

197.

RESIDENCE OF T. CONDON.—Mr. Thomas Condon built his house about 1870.

198.

RESIDENCE OF C. KALER.—The residence of Mr. Cornelius Kaler was the school-house which stood near Moses Kimball's in West Boxford. When that district was discontinued in 1869, Mr. Kaler bought the building, moved it to its present site, and finished it into a dwelling-house, in which he has since resided. In 1884, he remodelled and improved the house.

199.

RESIDENCE OF T. LEHAN.—Capt. Samuel Kimball built the house now in the possession of Mr. Thomas Lehan in 1862. It was owned and occupied before Mr. Lehan lived in it by Abraham Hill.

200.

RESIDENCE OF C. E. MORTIMER.—Mr. Caleb E. Mortimer's house was built by Capt. Samuel Kimball about 1849, for his engineer, a Mr. Calligan, to live in. Mr. Kimball afterward sold it to Mr. Dennis Lehan, who resided here till about 1870, when he built his new house, No. 196. The Mortimer family have owned it since.

Mr. Joshua W. Cunningham also lived here for a year or two, until he had completed a new house for himself, No. 184.

201.

RESIDENCE OF J. B. FISKE.—The residence of Mr. Joseph B. Fiske was erected by Mr. William Sawyer in 1844. He removed in 187—, and sold the place to Mr. Fiske, who came from Topsfield, and has since resided on this place.

202.

RESIDENCE OF J. A. ELLIOT.—The residence of Mr. James Albert Elliot was built by Mr. William Sawyer in 1866, and sold the next year to Mr. Edmund Kaler of Bradford. In 1873, Mr. Kaler sold the place to Mr. Elliot, who has since lived here.

203.

RESIDENCE OF T. WOODS.—The house of Mr. Timothy Woods was built by himself about 1866.

204.

JAMES HOLDEN CELLAR.—A short distance north of the



residence of Mr. J. Albert Elliot (No. 202) is an old cellar, known as the Holden cellar. Here James Holden, was living in 1783. He was a brother of Joseph Holden who lived in No. 2, in the "Ridges." James Holden married Rebecca Ireland in Linebrook parish, Ipswich, in 1760. No one knows how long this house has been gone.

205.

RESIDENCE OF H. BERRY.—This has been known for many years as the Long place. It was probably settled by Timothy Foster, a son of William Foster, who kept the *ordinary* at No. 113. He was born there in 1672. He married, first, Mary, daughter of Ephraim Dorman, and, second, Ruth Andrews in 1715.

Lieut. Jeremiah Foster, son of Timothy, next owned the place. He was born in 1701; married, first, Abigail Wood in 1731, second, widow Bridget Pemberton in 1755. He died in 1785, leaving a family of thirteen children. His daughter Huldah married Amos Gould, and Hannah married Dea. Moses Peabody. The eldest child, Jeremiah, inherited the farm.

Jeremiah Foster, jr., was born in 1732, and married Abigail ———, who died a widow in 1807, aged eighty-four. Mr. Foster sold the place to Nathaniel Long of Boxford in 1801.

Mr. Long came from Andover having married Elizabeth Stiles of that place in 1788, and resided here until his death, which occurred in 1819, at the age of fifty-eight. His widow continued to reside upon the farm until her death in 1849, at the age of eighty-eight. Mr. Long built the present house. They had two or more children, Nathaniel who died in 1823, at the age of thirty-five, and Sukey, who married Nathan Dresser, and lived at No. 66.

John Brown came here from Methuen and lived a few years from 1819. He probably removed from here to No.



98. Augustus Hayward also lived here a short time about 1835, and in 1843 came into partial possession of the place.

In 1850, the farm belonged to Dorcas D., wife of Henry Atherton, who sold it to Amos Berry of Andover in the spring of that year. Mr. Berry and his son Horace have been the occupants since that time.

206.

RESIDENCE OF J. R. WEBSTER.—The house of Mr. John R. Webster was owned by John Kimball, son of Richard, who also may have lived here. Richard was born at No. 90, in 1673. He married Hannah, a sister to Ephraim Dorman, who settled at No. 58. He died in 1753, and she in 1748. They both lie buried in the ancient cemetery in the East parish. They had nine children among whom were Dea. Aaron, who lived at No. 195; Amos, who settled at No. 207; Ephraim, who lived at No. 182; and John, who resided on this place.

John Kimball was born in 1713, and married, first, Sarah Barker of Andover in 1744. He married, second, Hannah (Wood), widow of Joshua Andrews in 1764. He died in 1796, at the age of eighty-three. He had seven children, all by his first wife, as follows, viz.: Daniel, who died young; Mehitable; Asa, who succeeded his father on the place; Sarah; Mary; Daniel, who married Sarah Pearsons of Newbury in 1789, lived a year or two at No. 95, and removed to Newbury; and Esther who married Nathan Andrews, the father of the late Daniel Andrews. The unmarried daughters resided on the place with Asa.

Asa Kimball married Mehitable Symonds in 1787. The division of his estate occurred in 1812.

The place was afterwards in the possession of Mehitable Andrews, sister to the late Samuel Andrews, who was

born in 1788, and died in 1870, at the age of eighty-two.

Maj. Samuel Perley lived here a number of years at the beginning of this century, and removed to No. 173. Mr. Webster has lived on the place for many years.

207.

RESIDENCE OF O. P. KILLAM.—Mr. Oliver Porter Killam lives on the old Enoch Kimball place. Mr. Kimball's father, Amos Kimball, was son of Richard Kimball, and was born in 1707, probably in No. 206. He settled on this farm, and married, first, in 1736-7, Margaret, daughter of Joseph and Joanna (Dodge) Hale, who lived in Boxford. She was born in 1712-3, and died in 1764, aged fifty-one years. He married, second, widow Abigail Sessions of Andover in 1765. She was daughter of James Black of Boxford and widow of Timothy Sessions of Andover, and died in 1784, at the age of sixty-six. He died in 1788, at the age of eighty. He had nine children, and his first wife was the mother of them all. Their names were Jesse, Joanna, Jethro, Enoch, Eli, Peggy, who died at two years of age, Lydia, Amos, who lived at No. 214, and Joseph.

His son Enoch Kimball was born in 1743, married Huldah Gould of Topsfield in 1777, and resided on this farm. They had eight children: Huldah, Elijah (who died at the age of four months), Moody, Dorcas, Hannah, Sally, Elizabeth and Enoch.

His son Moody Kimball succeeded him on the place. He was the father of Mrs. Killam who still resides there.

Mr. Killam took the old house down and built his present residence in 1853. He was a son of Oliver Killam, and was born in No. 153. In 1845, he erected his barn, in 1861 his carriage house and wood-shed, and in 1870



his pump and store-house. Samuel N. Ayers was the boss carpenter in erecting all the buildings.

Since the above was written Mr. Killam has died; and his son Charles, the well-known caterer of Beverly, soon followed him.

208.

RESIDENCE OF W. K. COLE.—Mr. William Kimball Cole built his house near the home of his uncle, the late Ephraim F. Cole, in 1883.

209.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. E. F. COLE.—When this house was erected we have not learned. Kimball Cole married Abigail Runnells of Methuen in 1804, and resided here. They had seven children, Sarah Foster, Rebecca, Ephraim Foster, Mehitable Barker, Abigail, John Kimball and William Runnells, all of whom are now dead. John K. resided in No 155, and William R. in No. 244.

Mr. Cole was succeeded on the farm by his son Ephraim F. Cole, who was born in 1809. He died here in 1879, at the age of sixty-nine. His widow resides upon the homestead. One of their sons, George S., is a deputy sheriff, and resides in Andover.

210.

· SCALES CELLAR.—A short distance to the northeast of the residence of the late Oliver P. Killam (No. 207) in the Scales' field, so called, is an old cellar. Over it, one hundred and seventy years ago stood the house in which James Scales and his family lived. James was a son of James and Sarah (Curtis) Scales of Rowley, where he was born in 1679. He married his cousin Sarah Curtis of Boxford in 1703, and settled on this place, and probably



built the house of which we are writing, as he was a carpenter by trade. Mr. Scales was in humble circumstances, yet helped one son through college, and reared a family of nine children.

The History of Henniker, N. H., in which town some of the family settled, states that Mr. Scales and a brother were killed by the Indians near their own door in 1725. This may be true, as the entire family left Boxford about that time.

James, one of the sons, born here in 1707, graduated at Harvard College in 1733, was licensed to preach in 1743, and was the first minister in Canterbury, being afterward settled at Hopkinton, N. H. He died at the latter place in 1776.

How long the house stood after this family had gone from it is unknown; but the old dwelling has been among the things that are not, a long, long term of years.

211.

OLD KIMBALL CELLAR.—On the right-hand side of the road leading from the residence of the late O. P. Killam to the West-parish church is an old cellar. There are two apple trees there, which were very old ninety years ago. The apples are a pretty striped variety. The late Mrs. Capt. Enoch Wood thought that a Kimball family resided there, as the lot has been known by the name of Kimball for very many years.

212.

OLD AMES CELLAR.—Across the street southwest from the residence of the late Capt. Enoch Wood, on the road leading to the match-factory is the Ames cellar. This was probably the site of the original Ames settlement in the town, being occupied as early as 1661 by Robert Ames,

or *Eames*. His wife Rebecca was the witch of that name who was condemned to death for the crime of witchcraft in the memorable year of 1692. She was taken from the court room to the ancient gaol in Salem and confined there awaiting execution until the general delivery of the prisoners who were held there under sentence for the crime whereof she was condemned. Though she was not as pure-minded and of such a heroic nature as were some others of those who suffered at that time, yet her husband felt the trial through which they had passed, and died the next year. But she survived all her tribulations and did not die until 1721, when she was more than eighty years old. The family were poor in those times, but in the course of the next three-quarters of a century became affluent.

They had several children, but which one settled on the home place we have not learned. Their son Joseph married and resided at No. 251, dying at the age of seventy-two in 1753. Among his nine children was Jonathan, who was born in 1712, and marrying in 1737, settled upon this place. They had six children, one of whom was Jonathan, who married Ruth Perley of Linebrook parish, Ipswich. A few months after her marriage, she was taken sick and soon died, her death occurring on the first day of June, 1769. She was a very handsome young lady, and of an excellent disposition and family. The neighbors suspected that something was wrong about her sickness, and some of them, particularly Mrs. Moses Kimball, who lived at No. 90, endeavored to see her during her illness, but Mrs. Ames, the mother-in-law, would permit no one to go into the room. After her burial, the suspicion that she had come to an unnatural end so increased and wrought upon the feelings of the people that twenty-nine men signed a complaint to three coroners, which was agreed to by her relatives, requesting that a court of inquisition on the body



might be held. Monday, July 10, was therefore appointed for that purpose, and on that date a promiscuous multitude thronged the meeting-house where the court was held. Seventeen physicians were summoned to appear, four as witnesses and the other thirteen as a jury. A solemn, silent sadness pervaded the assembly during the prayer and the charge given by the coroners to the jury. The whole assemblage then proceeded to the burying-ground in good order, though while the grave was reopened there was much crowding, until the people were told that they should all have a chance to see the remains. The verdict of the jury, that the deceased came to her death by poisoning, fell heavily upon the ears of the Ames family. During the examination several parts of the testimony pointed strongly to the husband and his mother as the guilty parties, especially to Mrs. Ames. They were arrested on the charge of murder and on the eighteenth of the month were committed to the gaol at Salem to await their trial. A sister of the husband was also indicted as an accessory, but was probably not confined in jail. They were tried in the superior court at Salem, the trial commencing Nov. 21, at nine o'clock in the morning and continuing into the night until two o'clock, when the case was given to the jury, and the court adjourned until nine o'clock in the morning. Before the trial came off, to secure his own neck, Jonathan turned state's evidence against his mother, but both judges and jury placed very little dependence upon his testimony, as a son who would strive to hang his own mother would not shrink at lying to save his own neck. Three of the four judges thought that Mrs. Ames was guilty, but the fourth was very uncertain as to the weight of the evidence. The jury, after being out for a long time, reported that they had come to the conclusion that upon the evidence she was not guilty, and she, with her son and



daughter, was discharged. The family left the town as soon after this as possible.

How long the old house has been gone is a question, but it is doubtful if it was occupied after the Ames family left it. The old cellar remains with the growth of sumach and blackberry vines in and around it, a memento of the terrible history that surrounds it.

213.

OLD CUSHING CELLAR.—At the southwest corner of the junction of the roads near the residence of the late Capt. Enoch Wood, stood the residence of Job Tyler, son of Moses and Prudence (Blake) Tyler, who was born at No. 89 in 1675. By his first wife, Margaret, he was the father of several children, one of whom, Job, settled at No. 219. Mr. Tyler married, secondly, Priscilla Peabody in 1736.

In 1738, he sold out to Rev. John Cushing, the first minister of the second church in this town. Mr. Cushing was a son of Rev. Caleb Cushing of Salisbury, where he was born in 1709. He was a grandson of the Rev. John Cotton, and a brother of Caleb Cushing, state counsellor, and of Rev. James Cushing of Plaistow, N. H. His grandfather Cushing was John, one of the governor's assistants in 1688. Mr. Cushing graduated at Harvard college in 1729, and settled in the ministry here in 1736. He probably built this house about the same time. Mr. Cushing married Elizabeth Martin of Boston in 1740, and they had but one child, John, who was born the year succeeding their marriage. The father died in 1772, in his sixty-third year, continuing the pastor of this church till his death.

John, the son, graduated at Harvard college in 1761, and marrying Elizabeth Bagley in 1766, lived with his father, after whose death he came into possession of the



place. With his wife and five children, in 1780, he removed to North Yarmouth, Me., and afterward to Waterford, Me., where he died in 1815. He was a justice of the peace, and a very prominent man in the town.

In the year of Mr. Cushing's removal (1780) he sold the place to Paul Spofford, who lived in that part of Rowley which is now Georgetown, for £13,000. The farm then contained eighty acres. Mr. Spofford was a son of Capt. Abel Spofford, who lived in what is now Georgetown on the west side of Baldpate, on the farm now in the possession of Mrs. William P. Perley, and was thirty-one years of age when he bought this place.

Mr. Spofford had a bondservant named Adam Simson, who ran away in the summer of 1781, and he advertised for him in the *Salem Gazette*, as follows:—

"RUN-AWAY from the subscriber on the 20th of July last, a bond servant, named ADAM SIMSON, an Irish fellow, about 18 years of age, of a middle stature: Had on when he ran-away a brown wooling coat, blue wooling waistcoat, check'd lining shirt, and striped lining and wool trowsers. Whoever will take up said fellow, or give information to his master shall have one paper dollar (old emission) reward paid by
PAUL SPOFFORD.

"N.B. All persons whatever are hereby forbid harboring, concealing, or employing said run-away, as they would avoid the penalty of the law.

"Boxford, August 1, 1781."

Mr. Spofford never married. In 1784, he sold the farm to his father, and soon after died of palsy. His father conveyed the farm in 1785 to Jeremiah Harriman of Rowley, who afterward lived at No. 216, selling this farm with the buildings thereon to Amos Kimball, who lived across the street (at No. 214). Of the house after this date the writer knows nothing.

214.

RESIDENCE OF REV. S. ROWE.—The farm owned and

occupied by Rev. Samuel Rowe and Mr. Isaac Wyatt was formerly in the possession of Zebediah Foster, son of Jonathan and Abigail (Kimball) Foster, who was born in 1702. He married Margaret Tyler in 1723-24, and settled here, where he died in 1772, at the age of sixty-nine. They had nine children, one of whom, Dudley, resided upon the place with his mother, who died in 1784, at the age of eighty-one.

Dudley Foster was born in 1737, and married Rachel Steel of Andover in 1767. They had four children at least, Phebe, Mary, Mehitabel and Rachel. Dudley and his mother sold the place in 1777, to Amos Kimball of Andover, blacksmith. Mr. Foster probably removed to Andover.

The present house was built by Mr. Kimball about 1780. He was a son of Amos Kimball, who lived at No. 207, where he was born in 1752. His early years were spent in Andover, where he learned the trade of a blacksmith. He came to this place and established a home and a shop. He married Mary Stiles of Andover in 1779, and she died in 1791, at the age of about thirty-eight. His children were Elizabeth, who died in 1821, at the age of forty, unmarried; Polly, who died in 1783, at the age of five months; Amos, who succeeded his father on the place; Mary, who married Frederic Spofford, and lived in No. 80; Charles; and Lucy who died at the age of sixteen. Mr. Kimball died in 1824, at the age of seventy-one.

Messrs. Rowe and Wyatt, who were from New Gloucester, Me., in 1870, purchased the farm of John F. Kimball of Andover, who then owned it. Mr. Kimball was a son of Amos and grandson of the above named Amos Kimball who died in 1824. Messrs. Rowe and Wyatt moved here April 29, 1870. They are deaf-mutes, and Mr. Rowe is an evangelist of the Congregational church to the deaf

mates of Maine. He was the first Congregational minister thus ordained in the United States. His ordination took place in the church at West Boxford in 1878.

215.

OLD PALMER CELLAR.—A short distance west of the residence of Rev. Samuel Rowe (No. 214) is an old cellar, over which stood a house wherein John Palmer lived from 1766 to 1780. He came from Rowley, where he had married Mary Creasey. Here was born his distinguished son Timothy Palmer, the famous bridge builder. How long the house stood after 1780 is not known.

216.

OLD PORTER CELLAR.—In West Boxford, near the North Andover town line, on the south side of the highway leading from the residence of the late Capt. Enoch Wood to North Andover, is an old cellar. Near this cellar stood the old house in which George Blake lived. He came from Gloucester in or about 1675, having been born in 1611, and made a freeman in 1651. He died in 1698, at the age of eighty-seven. His wife Dorothy survived him till 1702, when she died. They had six daughters and one son, the latter surviving but sixteen days. The daughters were Rebecca, born in 1641, who married Robert Eames, lived near her father's and became the witch of 1692; Deborah; Prudence, who married Moses Tyler, and lived near her father; Elizabeth, who married Matthew Perry, and lived in Boxford and Bradford; Mary, who married Zaccheus Curtis; and Ruth. In 1709, an old record reads, "On the south side of said road near where George Blake's old house stood." So his residence survived him but a few years.

John Ames, or *Eames*, as the name was then commonly

spelled, probably bought this place after the decease of Mr. Blake, as in 1709 he was living in the house which stood over the cellar named at the beginning of this sketch, and in which he lived several years previously. He was a son of Robert Eames, and grandson of Mr. Blake, and was born at No. 212 in 1670. He married Priscilla Kimball and had seven children.

In 1716, Mr. Ames sold the place, then containing one hundred acres of land, to Benjamin Porter of Wenham, for £350, and probably removed from town. He was a son of John and Lydia (Herrick) Porter, and was born in Wenham in 1692. He probably built the house himself, as he was a carpenter, a trade characteristic of this branch of the Porter family. Mr. Porter married Sarah, daughter of Moses and Ruth (Perley) Tyler, who may have lived at the Captain Wood place (No. 89). She was born in 1696, and died here in 1767, at the age of seventy-one. Mr. Porter died in 1778, at the age of eighty-six. Their remains lie in the ancient cemetery near their dwelling. Their children were Mary, who married Dea. Thomas Chadwick; Moses, who settled, we believe, where Edward E. Pearl, Esq., resides (No. 221); Benjamin who was his father's successor on the homestead; Sarah; Tyler; and Lucy, who died in 1755, at the age of nineteen.

Benjamin Porter, his father's successor on the farm, was born here in 1721. Before his marriage it seems that he resided in Exeter, N. H., and had become a member of the church there. He married, first, Ruth Foster of Andover, in 1744. She, after becoming the mother of nine children, died in 1760, at the age of thirty-seven. He married, second, Mary Sherwin, in 1763, by whom he had four more children. Mr. Porter died in 1784, at the age of sixty-two. In his will he bequeathed four pounds to the Second church. His children were: Lydia, who

married Daniel Farnham of Andover; Mehitable, who married Asa Sherwin; David Foster, who married Susanna Towne of Londonderry (formerly of Boxford) in 1771, and removed to Denmark, Me., afterward settling in Dixmont, Me. (it is said that his six children were born in Boxford); Lucy, who married Asa Barker of Andover at the age of fifteen; Sarah, who married Samuel Kimball; Benjamin, born in 1754, married Polly Sargent and removed to Winthrop, Me., in 1780, and in 1788 to Vienna, Me., where he died in 1837; being father of Dr. Byron Porter of Bangor and Waterville, Me., and grandfather of John C. Porter, professor of mathematics in New York Central college; of Col. Thomas W. Porter, Boston, Mass., a lawyer, and colonel of the 14th Mass. regiment; of Dr. Byron Porter of Newport, Me.; and of Dr. Parker Cleveland Porter, a surgeon in the Army of the Potomac; Ruth, who died at the age of twenty-two in 1779; Tyler, into whose hands the homestead came; Jonathan, who died in infancy; Susanna, who died in 1799, at the age of twenty-six; Jonathan, who died in 1782, at the age of sixteen; Mary, who died in 1824, unmarried, at the age of fifty-seven; and Mehitable, who married Stephen Peabody in 1791.

Tyler Porter, who succeeded his father on the farm, was born here in 1758, and married Abigail Johnson of Andover in 1779. He lived on this old place until 1800, when he sold out and removed to Sebago, Me., where he died in 1842, at the age of eighty-four. Their children, all born in Boxford, were as follows: Ruth, who married Jonathan Poor of Sebago; Jonathan, who lived in Boxford and was the father of Capt. J. J. Porter; Tyler, who resided in Weston, N. Y.; Stephen, who resided in Portland, Me.; Benjamin, who lived in Merrimac, N. H., and Sebago and Buxton, Me.; Rufus, born at this place in 1792, died

in New Haven, Conn., in 1884, at the age of ninety-two; and Henry, who died in Portland, Me., in 1870. The son Rufus was proficient in his youth as an artist, as some of the houses in the parish, whose walls he ornamented, bear proof. Having removed to Maine with his parents, he settled first at Portland, and served in the 1812 war with the Portland light infantry, being its last survivor. He afterwards lived at New Haven, Conn. He became an inventor, and was the founder of the *Scientific American*, a journal of world-wide fame. The number of his inventions were legion, and many of them were of great utility.

It may be interesting to know that this house was the home of quite a number of Africans in early times. Mr. Benjamin Porter, first named, owned more slaves than any one else in the town. Candace, a negro woman, was baptized in 1758. Ammy married John, who belonged to Joseph Noyes of Newbury, in 1734. Tamsin had a husband, probably, somewhere, and her three children, Cæsar, Pompey and Phillis, were baptized in 1737, together with herself. She, however, was not much benefited by the baptism, for she would still get drunk. These were only a part of Mr. Porter's slaves. He had quite a family in all.

Tyler Porter sold this farm in 1800 to Simeon Foster of Andover, and in 1804 Mr. Foster conveyed it back to Mr. Porter, who, two days later, conveyed it to Jeremiah Harriman and Jeremiah Harriman, jr., of Boxford. Mr. Porter had already removed to Pleasant mountain gore, York county, Maine. Mr. Harriman was from Rowley, and had been living in town for several years. He and his wife died on the same day, February 25, 1824, he, at the age of eighty-four, and she, who was a second wife, at seventy-one. Mr. Harriman was the grandfather of the late D. F. Harriman.



The old house was taken down by Jeremiah's son Daniel Harriman and converted into the "Ocean house," No. 223, in 1836.

217.

RESIDENCE OF L. G. WHITTIER.—Mr. Levi G. Whittier built his new house in the West parish, on the road leading from the sand pit to the Hubbard place in North Andover, in 1883.

218.

PETER PEARL HOUSE.—The Peter Pearl farm was originally in the possession of Job Tyler, a son of Job Tyler, who lived at No. 213. He was born in 1705, and married Elizabeth Parker of Bradford in 1730. He had a negro woman servant, who was called "Notur." Mr. Tyler was the father of Abraham Tyler, who lived in No. 81. His son Phineas, born in 1736¹, was the first baptized in the first West-parish church, the service occurring Dec. 12, 1736. After living in Boxford many years, Phineas removed to Leominster. Bradstreet Tyler was another son. There were twelve children in all—eight sons and four daughters. Mr. Tyler probably moved to No. 286. Bradstreet Tyler lived here after his father.

In 1802, Stephen Tyler, who had owned the place some years, sold to James Fletcher of Ashby. The farm consisted of a hundred and twenty acres. Mr. Tyler's wife was named Patty.

Mr. Fletcher resided here, and died about 1805. In 1807, his widow Rebecca Fletcher, and children Jonas Fletcher, a cooper, Betsey Fletcher, Susanna Fletcher, single-woman, and Abel Fletcher, carpenter, all of Boxford, sold the place to Billy Bradstreet of Rowley.

The present house was probably built by Mr. Bradstreet about 1810. He occupied it a few years; and after his



death it came into the possession of widow Nabby Killam, who sold it in 1819 to Jacob Perley of Boxford.

Mr. Perley was a son of Benjamin Perley, who lived in No. 32, and was born in Topsfield in 1783. He married Sarah Perley of Boxford in 1814, and they had two children, daughters, Harriet Newell and Apphia Ann. Mr. Perley died in 1821, aged thirty-seven. His administrator then sold the place in the spring of that year to Peter Pearl, who was the eleventh and youngest child of John and Elizabeth (Kimball) Pearl of Boxford, where he was born in 1791. Mr. Pearl was a prominent man in the town. His two daughters Misses Eunice and Hattie Pearl reside upon the place. Mr. John T. Wood also lived there a few years ago.

The Rev. Charles M. Pierce resided in this house during his ministry in the parish at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion.

219.

JOB TYLER CELLAR.—On the same farm and a short distance in the rear of the Peter Pearl house (No. 218), is what is known as the "Job Tyler cellar." This is the site of the house in which Job Tyler resided early in the eighteenth century. Sketch No. 218 gives an account of him. How long the house was standing has not been determined.

220.

GREENLEAF CELLAR.—Near the sand-pit in West Boxford, on the north side of the road stood the Greenleaf house, which was moved about 1871 to South Groveland, near Johnson's pond, where it now stands.

221.

RESIDENCE OF E. E. PEARL.—The farm of Edward E.



Pearl, Esq., was originally an old Porter homestead. Moses Porter, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Tyler) Porter, was born in No. 216 in 1719. In 1741 he married Mary, daughter of Edmund Chadwick of Bradford, and built this house at about that time, it is supposed. He died here in 1811, at the age of ninety-one years and eleven months. He had two other wives, Sarah Ayers of Haverhill and Mary Low of Wenham, both widows, the last being his cousin. He had eight children, all by his first wife: Asa, the oldest, graduated at Harvard college, 1762, and settled in Newburyport, as a merchant. He was a gentleman of the old school; during the Revolutionary war he was a devoted loyalist; and removed to Haverhill, N. H., before 1780, where he was a large landholder. Sabine's History of the Loyalists says of him: "He suffered in person and property, in consequence of his adherence to the royal cause, and was compensated by grants of crown land in Canada. He was on terms of intimacy with Governor Wentworth, and other gentlemen of rank, and was himself a person of highly respectable character." He died in 1818 at the age of seventy-six. He had two sons who graduated at Dartmouth college. William resided on the homestead. Mary died at the age of four years. Moses was a wild young man, and is said to have married Ann Kay. He lived here for many years. Aaron, born here in 1752, was a physician of eminence in his profession, first at Biddeford, and afterward at Portland, Me., where he died in 1837, at the age of eighty-five. He married Paulina, daughter of Richard King of Scarborough, Me., and sister of Hon. Rufus King, the first United States Senator from New York, minister to England, etc., and half-sister of Hon. William King, the first governor of Maine. His granddaughter, Sarah Leland Coffin, married Rev. Charles Beecher of Georgetown; another grand-



daughter, Isabella Porter Jones, married Rev. Edward Beecher; and his daughter Harriet was the second wife of Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher and the mother of Rev. Thomas K. Beecher of Elmira, N. Y. This shows how the Beechers and this family have such complicated relationships. Mary married Joseph Hovey of Boxford. Lucy married Col. Benjamin Towne of Methuen, and died in Belfast, Me., at the age of eighty-one. James, the youngest child, died at the age of three. Among the descendants, not already named, of this Moses Porter, first mentioned, are the wife of Rev. Charles E. Blood of Manhattan, Kas., and Wataga, Ill.; Prof. William Coffin of Illinois college; the wife of Rev. John W. Bradshaw of Batavia, Ill.; the wife of Rev. Edwin E. Bliss, missionary near Constantinople, Turkey; Rev. Frederick William Beecher of Wellsville, N. Y.; Eugene Francis Beecher, editor of the *Brooklyn Monthly*; Rev. William B. Jones of St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Francis Jones; Henry A. Jones of Albany, N. Y., state librarian; Rev. George Washburn of Constantinople, Turkey; the wife of John Hooker, Esq., an attorney of Hartford, Conn.; Rev. James C. Beecher; Dr. John Tyler Goddard of New York City; and the wife of Rev. Samuel Phillips of Groton, Mass.

William Porter, born here in 1744, married, in 1767, Mary, daughter of Isaac Adams, who lived at No. 84. He always resided here, and died in 1822, at the age of seventy-eight. He had nine children, one of whom, Mary, married Amos Carleton at Haverhill about 1805, and settled upon her father's place. Among Mr. Porter's descendants are the wife of Rev. Peter McVicker of Topeka, Kas.; the wife of Henry H. Markman, Esq., of Milwaukee, Wis; Gen. Charles Porter Mattocks, now a lawyer of Portland, Me., having been several years attorney for Cumberland county; the wife of Hon. Isaac Dyer of



Baldwin, Me.; Hon. Charles William Porter of Plattsburg, Mo.; Rufus King Porter, Esq., of Machias, Me.; and Dr. George Thatcher Porter of Calais, Me.

In 1860, Amos Carleton sold out to James Carleton, who resided here until 1876, when he sold to Mrs. Pamela W. Tyler. He then removed to Georgetown, where he afterward resided. Mr. Pearl came into possession of the some fourteen years since, and shortly afterward erected his large and convenient barn.

222.

RESIDENCE OF C. R. ANDERSON.—The late Capt. Jonathan Janus Porter built his mill-dam in 1836, splitting the stone and doing the work generally himself, and erected the mill the following year, Oscar G. Ingalls being associated with him in the conduct of the mill. Mr. Porter built his late residence in 1837, and his barn in 1845. After the decease of his wife, he conveyed the farm in 1878 to Mr. Charles R. Anderson the present owner, with whom he resided, and died in 1891, at the age of eighty.

223.

"OCEAN HOUSE."—The house near the late D. Francis Harriman's, known as the "Ocean house," was built for "Aunt Polly Foster" and D. F. Harriman out of the old Porter house, No. 216, with the addition of new lumber, in 1836, a four-tenement house being constructed. Joseph Brown lived here for six or eight years, and Thomas B. Parker eight or ten years. It has also been occupied by Samuel Jenkins, Charles R. Anderson, Mrs. Lucy Harris, William Newhall, J. B. Frost, Warren Noyes, George Hudson, John Baker, William Merrill, Frank W. Chase and many others.



224.

RESIDENCE OF G. A. HARRIMAN.—The residence of the late D. Francis Harriman was built by his father, Daniel Harriman, about 1816. Mr. Harriman was born in Rowley in 1783, and his father (Jeremiah) removed to Boxford when Daniel was less than ten years of age. Daniel married Jane Dole of Methuen, and died of dropsy in 1863, at the age of eighty years. His son, Daniel Francis, afterward possessed and carried on the farm until his death in 1884, since which time his son Mr. George A. Harriman has lived there.

225.

RESIDENCE OF J. HORACE NASON.—The house of Mr. John Horace Nason was early occupied by a family bearing the name of Willard, and was afterward owned by Greenleaf Dole, who lived here. About 1850, Mr. Dole sold the place to the late D. Francis Harriman, and on the death of Mr. Harriman in 1884 it came into the possession of Mr. Nason and his wife, who was Mr. Harriman's daughter. They have lived there many years.

226.

RESIDENCE OF SPOFFORD AND ROKES.—This house was built by Henry C. Sullivan in 1830, on land he bought of Greenleaf Dole the year before. The timber for this house was hewn near Fish Brook on the Towne road by Capt. J. J. Porter, William Henry and Mr. Sullivan. In 1831, he sold it to William Henry, who had lived at No. 242. In 1836, Mr. Henry sold to Francis Perley Robinson of Boxford, cordwainer, who in 1842 conveyed it to Solomon Wildes, a tavern keeper of Boston, and then removed to Boston. Mr. Wildes was originally of Topsfield. In 1850,



he sold out to Aaron L. Parker of Boxford, who removed from No. 234, and resided here until his death in 1875.

It is now owned by his widow.

Mr. Benjamin French resided here awhile, removing to the Foster house, No. 93. On the same day that Capt. Porter was married in one part of this house, a daughter of Mr. French was buried from the other part. The house is now occupied by Messrs. Alden Spofford and Meander Rokes.

227.

MORSE'S STORE.—The country store kept by Mr. G. S. Morse near the West Boxford church is located in a building erected for that purpose about ten years ago by E. E. Pearl, Esq. The second story is finished into a tenement in which has resided Mr. Frank Jaques.

228.

WEST PARISH PARSONAGE.—The parsonage in the West parish was built by the parish in 1875, at a cost of about \$5,000. It has been occupied by but two clergymen, Rev. James McLean, from 1876 to 1878, and Rev. Charles Lawrence Hubbard from 1879 to the present time.

229.

RESIDENCE OF W. R. KIMBALL.—The house of William R. Kimball, Esq., was built by Mr. James Carleton in 1840. Mr. Carleton lived in it for some time, renting half of it to Mr. Samuel W. Jenkins and afterward to Mr. Franklin Jaques. Mr. Carleton sold to Robert Carleton and John William Brown. Mr. Brown was son of John Brown, who lived at No. 242, and was born in Methuen in 1815. He married, in 1836, Mary C. Ayer of Andover, by whom he had five children, the oldest two of whom served in the war of the Rebellion; one of them dying at



the front. Mr. Brown bought out Mr. Carleton, and in 1871 sold the place to Mr. Kimball, the present owner and occupier, who is a native of Bradford.

230.

TIMON'S CELLAR.—Where the barn of Mr. Robert B. Anderson stands, once stood the house which was occupied and owned by Timon, a negro. The following note concerning Timon and his wife is of value and interest:

"Timon Freeman & Flora his Wife came to Boxford to live the 5th of November 1788, and were taken into Town by wee the Subscribers. They came last from Andover.

"Thomas & Samll Chadwick.

"Boxford Novr 19th 1788."

He was sometimes called Timon Chadwick. He lived and died in this house, his death occurring July 10, 1805, at the age of eighty-four. His wife died on New Year's day, 1815, at the age of eighty.

231.

R. B. ANDERSON HOUSE.—This house was owned, May 8, 1804, by Willard Lane. He was a blacksmith and his shop stood on Moses Porter's land. On the day above mentioned, he sold out to Benjamin Ames, jr., of Andover, an innkeeper. A year later Mr. Ames sold to Joseph Damon Woodworth and Gardiner Ames, both of Boxford. In 1825, it was occupied by a Mr. Stiles, who married a sister of Amos Carlton. It was owned by Thomas Chadwick and descended from him to Samuel and Mary Chadwick. When Mr. Anderson came from Salem N. H., he lived here, and boarded Miss Mary Chadwick as long as she lived. The place was purchased by Mr.



Anderson's son William, and thence came into Mr. Anderson's possession.

Mr. Anderson came to Boxford in 1829, to teach his trade of a blacksmith to the late Moses Kimball who had bought out Thomas W. Durant on his removal to Canada. Mr. Anderson worked for Mr. Kimball until about 1845, when he built a shop for himself near his residence, and continued to work at his trade in this new locality till about 1874. He married, first, Irene Cluff of Salem, N. H., and, second, widow Harriet Chase of North Andover. Mr. Anderson and his wife both died a year ago. He had eleven children, one of whom, Charles R., lives in No. 222; and another, David Mighill, was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion.

232.

RESIDENCE OF J. A. M. SPOFFORD.—In 1804, the Samuel Clement house was called a "new" house, having been erected just before that date by Phineas Cole, who kept a tavern in it, and soon afterward removed to Pelham, N. H., where he instituted another public house. Mr. Cole was a son of Samuel Cole, and was born in No. 236 in 1744.

In 1811, Mr. Cole sold the place to Samuel W. Clement of Boxford who lived in this house for many years. After the decease of his widow in 1877, at the age of ninety, the place was occupied by Fred Thomas. In 1881, it was sold to Mr. Patrick Duffy of Groveland, but as his wife would not come here to live, he sold out the next year to the late Edwin S. Adams, who had formerly lived at No. 238. Mr. Adams moved here in the fall of 1882, and remained until his death, which occurred in 1887. His widow, a second wife, survived him but six days. The estate was inherited by Mr. Adams' sister, Mrs. Julia A. M. Spofford, who has since resided upon it.



233.

RESIDENCE OF A. P. HOVEY.—The residence of Mr. Albert Parker Hovey was erected by Franklin Jaques about 1848, and he resided in it until about 1889, when he died, the place being sold to Mr. Hovey, who now resides there.

234.

RESIDENCE OF G. S. MORSE.—The residence of Mr. Gardner S. Morse was built by his grandfather Jacob C.



MORSE HOUSE.

Parker in 1799. Mr. Parker, who had been living in No. 239, removed to this house as soon as it was ready, and resided there until his death, which occurred in 1825, at the age of fifty-three. His widow died there in 1850, at the age of eighty-four. The three children born to them



have all died within a few years at advanced ages, leaving a numerous posterity.

After Mr. Parker's death, the house was occupied by his son Aaron L. Parker and his son-in-law Samuel Morse. These two men had nine sons, all of whom enlisted into the service of their country, one of them being starved to death in the rebel Libby prison.

In 1850, Mr. Parker removed to No. 226, where he died in 1875. Mr. Morse continued to reside here until his death, in 1872; and his widow died here in 1881.

Among the children of Aaron L. Parker are Chandler L. Parker, the musician, formerly leader of the Groveland brass band, Thomas B. Parker of Georgetown, and Gilman P. Parker of Bradford. Among the children of Mr. Morse are Mrs. Charlotte N. S. Horner of Georgetown, and Gardner S. Morse, who has lived upon the old place since the death of his parents.

235.

DOWEN CELLAR.—Robert Dowen married Mary Snelling in Haverhill Nov. 13, 1719. They had several children, and after the husband died the widow came to Boxford and lived in a pasture, on the hills near Mare pond, a short distance east of the residence of Mr. Gardner S. Morse. Sixty years ago, there were here three cellars, and an old well partly filled up. These can still be defined, though time has brought them nearly to a level with the surrounding surface. Her house is said to have been a sort of cave, an excavation made in the side of a hill, stoned up at the sides, and the top covered with boards or similar material. Around these cellars was what was known in the early days of this century, as Dowen's orchard. No trace of it now remains. Among their children was Mary, who was admitted to the Second church in 1744, and in 1751 married Amos Foster of Upper Ashuelot, now Keene,



N. H. Another child, John, born about 1727, was bound out by the selectmen, June 21, 1739, to Ebenezer Webster, a farmer of Haverhill, for nine years and six months. Mrs. Downen was known as "Mother Downen," and was also known to live principally by stealing. Sheep and other animals were her general prey. To hide her thefts, she threw the refuse into Mare pond, having done her slaughtering in the hollow of a large buttonwood tree, which stood near. Dr. David Wood supplied her with rye, wheat, corn, etc., at different times, as his account book shows, which was paid for by her brother Mark Snelling's labor. She was living in August, 1736, but probably died very soon afterward.

This Mark Snelling was a mulatto, born about 1720, and lived most of his time with Dr. Wood, though he probably made his home with Mrs. Downen. At length he took to himself a wife, and became the father of Asa Snelling, whom our old residents remember as living at Phineas Perley's and dying there in 1823, at the age of eighty-six.

Mrs. Horner adds: "The very little that is known of that little settlement hardly saves it from oblivion, but with charity we may conclude that they had some of the virtues as well as the vices of humanity."

236.

RESIDENCE OF GEORGE DOHERTY.—The house of Mr. George Doherty was probably built by Samuel Cole about a century ago. The house that formerly stood on the same site was occupied by Ebenezer Burbank, who in 1717 sold the farm to John Cole of Lynn, formerly of Malden, who was a cooper by trade. This tract of land was the sixty-seven acres laid out to Thomas Leaver in 1666. Mr. Cole settled here with his children, Samuel



and Anna. Samuel was born in 1687. The father died in 1737, very suddenly, at the age of sixty-eight.

Samuel Cole inherited the place from his father and settled upon it. He died in 1765, and his widow Susanna in 1785, at the age of ninety-five. Samuel had five children, one of whom, John, settled in Amherst, N. H., and Samuel, the first-born, resided on the old homestead.

Samuel Cole, the last named, was born in 1716, and married Bethiah Hardy of Bradford in 1738. By her he had fifteen children, and she died in child-birth in 1764, at the age of forty-one. He married a second wife, Abigail Currier of Haverhill. She died in 1795, aged eighty years, and he in 1805, at the age of eighty-eight. Four of his sons, Daniel, Benjamin, Solomon and Simeon, settled in Boxford.

Simeon Cole, the youngest son of Samuel, lived on his father's place. He was born in 1762, and married Polly Smith of Rowley in 1785. One of his sons was Manly Cole, who settled on the homestead. He was the father of David Mighill Cole and Caleb M. Cole who reside in the West parish. In 1878, the farm was sold by Caleb M. Cole, who then owned it, to Mr. Doherty, the present owner and occupier.

237.

RESIDENCE OF DANIEL WITHAM.—Mr. Daniel Witham built his house, on land given him by Edwin S. Adams, in 1877, and has since resided in it.

238.

RESIDENCE OF MICHAEL MURPHY.—Mr. Michael Murphy resides upon the Adams farm, which was probably the land of Theophilus Pinder of Ipswich, whose daughter Martha married William Knowlton of Ipswich in 1729,



and they settled on this place. Among their children was Thomas, who was a lieutenant-colonel in the Revolutionary war, and the friend of Putnam, Reed and Washington, of whom the latter said "He would be an honor to any country." He was born here in 1740. Mr. Knowlton was a housewright. In 1748, he sold out to Stephen Merrill of Boxford, and removed to Ashford, Conn.

Mr. Merrill lived here until his death, which occurred in 1785, at the age of seventy-eight. His son Jesse doubtless succeeded him on the place.

In 1823, the place was purchased by Daniel Adams, who had been living in No. 291. Here, Mr. Adams resided until his death, which occurred in 1828, at the age of fifty-two. He was a small and an active man, and quite musical in his tastes, having taught a singing school in his neighborhood several winters. Mrs. Adams survived until 1868, when she died at the age of eighty-eight. They had two children, one daughter, the widow of the late Leverett W. Spofford of Georgetown; and one son Edwin Strong, who was born in 1806, and who married his cousin Miss Elvira Chase in Troy, N. Y., in 1843. She was a native of Groveland.

The son settled on his father's place, and here the couple passed all their married life. The separation came at last, in the summer of 1879, and Mrs. Adams crossed the bounds of life at the age of seventy. She was a lady of taste and benevolence and was esteemed by all who knew her. Mr. Adams sold the farm to Mr. Murphy three years later; and marrying, secondly, Amanda Davis in 1882 he purchased the Clement place (No. 232), where he afterward lived.

239.

OLD ROSS CELLAR.—Opposite the residence of Mr.



Isaac C. Day is an old cellar. We do not know when, or by whom, the house that once stood over it was built.

Toward the close of the eighteenth century, the house was occupied by Jacob C. Parker, son of Aaron and Lydia (Chandler) Parker of Andover, where he was born in 1772. He married Sally, daughter of John and Rachel (Lufkin) Smith in 1793, and began housekeeping in this house. In 1799, he built the Morse house, No. 234, and removed thither.

Moses Davis then lived here. He married Sarah ——. In 1805, he sold out to Daniel Adams of Boxford, who began housekeeping here immediately.

He was born in North Andover, Mass., in 1775, and was the son of David Adams of that place. When Daniel was very young his father removed from North Andover to Derry, N. H., and while yet in his teens Daniel came to Boxford, and worked out as a farm-laborer. At the age of twenty-nine, he married Sophia Kimball of Bradford, she having removed from Boxford with her stepfather and mother a few months before. The couple lived in this house until 1815, when Mr. Adams sold out to William Ross of Boxford, who resided here until about 1835, when he built the Day house (No. 241), and removed there. The work on the new house was done by James Carleton, to whom Mr. Ross conveyed the old house as part pay for his labor on the new edifice, and it was torn down.

Mr. Ross married, first, Martha Carleton in 1818. She died in 1833, having been the mother of Harriet A., Harri-son O., Martha Elvira, William Warren and Julia Ann. He married, second, Mary F. Tyler, in 1834, and she became the mother of Mary Jane, Caroline Maria, and Charlotte Frances.

Mr. Adams, who was the father of the late Edwin S.



Adams, then removed to the house now occupied by Mr. Nathan K. Fowler (No. 291).

240.

RESIDENCE OF B. P. HALE.—Mr. Benjamin P. Hale built his fine residence in 1889, and has since lived in it. He is a principal owner of the Groveland mills.

241.

RESIDENCE OF I. C. DAY.—The residence of Mr. Isaac C. Day was built by William Ross, who lived on the opposite side of the road at No. 239. This was about 1835. The carpentry work was done by James Carleton. Mr. Ross moved to this place, where he continued to reside until his death. It was then occupied by his son Harrison O. Ross, who devised it in his will to his wife, Martha Ann Ross. In 1877, she sold the place to John T. Day, who died a few years ago, after making great improvements.

242.

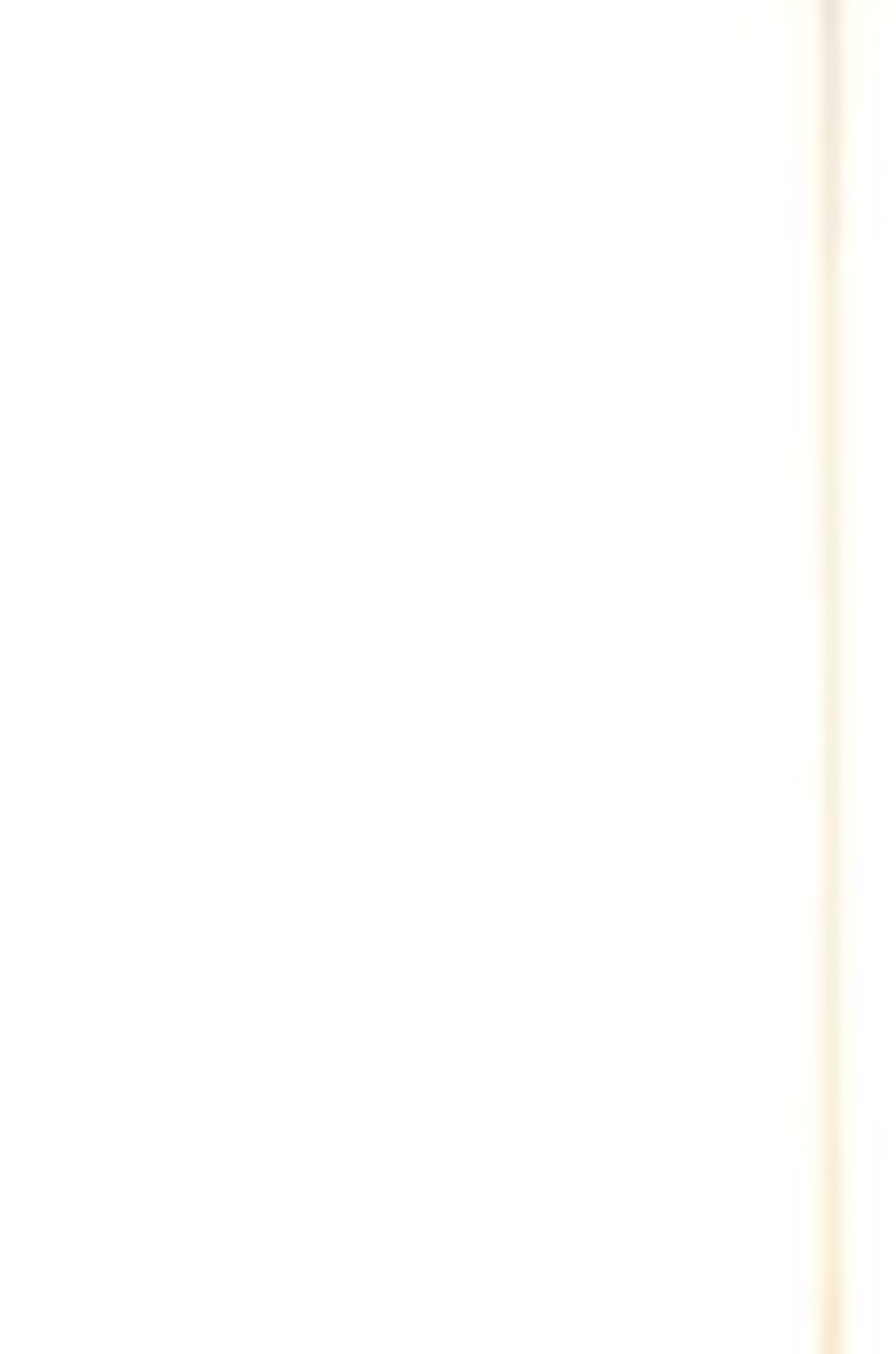
RESIDENCE OF JOHN I. LADD.—The timber for the house of Mr. John I. Ladd was cut in the summer of 1830, and it was immediately framed and erected. The builder of the main part of it was a carpenter named Henry C. Sullivan. He had an apprentice at that time named William Henry, who the next year completed the house. He put on the ell, and the next year sold the place to Ephraim Foster of Boxford, who settled here. Mr. Foster's father was Simeon Foster, a native of the lower part of North Andover, called Pilfershire. Ephraim's mother was Polly Harriman, aunt to the late D. F. Harriman. Mr. Foster married Orrissa, daughter of Parson Wilmarth of Georgetown.

Mr. Foster died here in 1835, leaving a fund to the





RESIDENCE OF ISAAC C. DAY.



schools of his parish, and the house and land to his widow, who married Dr. John T. G. Leach of Lowell the following winter. The next year, she conveyed the place to Elisha G. Bunker of Barnstead, N. H. Mr. Bunker kept a tavern here for about a year, and, in 1837, having sold the homestead to John Brown, removed to No. 99.

Mr. Brown was a son of Joshua and Rachel (Buckminster) Brown (see No. 256). He continued the tavern business for a short time only, but resided here until his death, which occurred in 1855. Mr. Brown was born in New Hampshire, and was reared at the Hubbard place in North Andover, near the Boxford line. He married Alice Jennings, and removed here from No. 98. He was a butcher, and had six children.

By foreclosure of a mortgage the place next came into the possession of John Tyler, and the next year, in 1857, he sold it to Orville L. Hovey who resided here till his death, which occurred in 1872. He willed this place to his wife who still retains it. She married Mr. John I. Ladd of Groveland in 1875, and they have passed their married life at this place.

In 1873, Mrs. Hovey took down the large barn and four sheds, which stood back of the present barn. These sheds were standing there fifty years ago, and had been used, probably, in connection with the church. In 1878, Mr. Ladd made some alteration in the house and place.

Ephraim Foster, while he owned it, put some paper on the walls of three of the rooms, representing Bonaparte's campaign in Egypt. It was considered a great curiosity, and many came to see it. It was in sheets and very hard to match, costing, it is said, seventy-five dollars. A part of it remained on the walls until 1876.

It is thought by Mr. Ladd that Ezekiel Ladd, who died in 1714, resided on this corner.



243.

RESIDENCE OF ALBERT MORRIS.—A Mr. Mears built a house in a clearing in the pine woods on the Uptack road near the late Mr. Thwing's about 1879. The authorities required him to take up his abode elsewhere, and the owners of the materials, of which the house was built, sold it in 1881 to Mr. Albert Morris, who removed it to near Harriman's hall, and finished it. Mr. Morris has since that time resided in it.

244.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. W. R. COLE.—The residence of Mrs. William R. Cole was built by Simeon (?) Pearl about 1814, the carpenter being Samuel W. Clement. Mr. Pearl was a son of John Pearl, and was born at No. 259, in 1774. He lived here until his death which occurred in 18—, and then his widow owned it, renting it a number of years, and finally selling it to Richard Smith, who afterward sold it to Miss Charlotte Barker. She made extensive repairs upon it, and resided in it about ten years, from 1865 to 1874. The next year (1875) she sold out to Mrs. Cole, who has since lived in it. Mrs. Cole had lived first at the Ephraim F. Cole place (No. 209), and after her husband's death removed to No. 271, where she remained but a short time, moving to this house.

This, with a number of houses in the neighborhood, had the walls of the best room decorated with landscapes of various descriptions, containing figures of men, horses, trees, etc. In two houses in the village the walls remain as thus originally decorated. The artist was Rufus Porter, who died in New Haven, Conn., in 1884, at the age of ninety-two.

245.

RESIDENCE OF W. F. HARRIMAN.—The residence of Mr. William F. Harriman was erected by Samuel Kimball and son for Thomas Wendell Durant, a blacksmith, in 1824. Mr. Durant's shop stood in what is now the yard in front of the house of Mr. William E. Perley. He was an exceptionally fine workman. His father lived in Georgetown. He sold out to Joseph Pike of Bradford in 1829.

Mr. Durant was a typical New Englander. He is said to have been born in Boxford in 1790, and to have spent his boyhood in that town and at Topsfield, beginning to do blacksmithing in Boxford on his own account in 1812. After selling out in 1829; he went to Canada, but about a year later returned, settling in Boston, where he became a trader, and soon afterward a note broker. About 1845, he returned to Canada, living at Stanstead. In 1865, his wife died, and he brought her remains to Haverhill, Mass., in his carriage, which was a combination of runners and wheels. He then lived with his wife's relatives in Haverhill. The assessors learned that he had wealth, and taxed him two thousand dollars, which they collected. Being averse to paying taxes, he gave the Massachusetts bible society fifty thousand dollars, which was all his property, upon condition that they pay to him ten per cent annually. He was then seventy-seven years of age. He died in 1889, at the age of ninety-nine, bequeathing to the same society all his estate which amounted to about one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars more than his previous gifts.

In the same year that Mr. Pike bought out Mr. Durant he sold to Elbridge Little of Bradford. Mr. Little kept a store; and, in 1830, he sold the blacksmith's shop to Moses Kimball. The shop stood in what is now the front



yard to the house of Mr. William E. Perley. When Mr. Little bought the place he mortgaged it back to Mr. Pike for all it was worth. In less than a year Mr. Pike resumed possession. He was a shoe-manufacturer. Upon his death in 1830, the place was sold by auction to Capt. William Farnham of Boxford for \$840. Mr. Pike always lived in Bradford.

Mr. Farnham lived here and at the Crowninshield place in Topsfield. When he died in 1844, the place descended to his wife's brother and sister, Moses Kimball and Mrs. Capt. George Pearl. While they owned it, the house was occupied by A. P. Hovey and E. E. Bean. Mr. Kimball and Mrs. Pearl, in 1875, sold out to D. F. and William F. Harriman. The latter has resided here since that time, and now owns the place.

246.

RESIDENCE OF W. E. PERLEY.—Mr. William Elbridge Perley's house was built by Benjamin Woodbury about 1860. He was a blacksmith, and worked in the shop here, mentioned in No. 245. He died in 1862, and his administrator sold the place to John G. Harriman of North Andover. Mr. Harriman resided here until 1865, when he sold out to Sarah E., wife of Augustus Williams of North Andover. In 1871, she sold the place to Mr. Perley, who has since resided there.

247.

RESIDENCE OF A. J. HENLY.—Mr. Alonzo J. Henry built his house in 1867, and his barn the year before. He built his blacksmith's shop about the same time, hired a man to teach him the trade, and carried on an active and lucrative business until his health failed, nearly a score of years ago. Since then, he has devoted most of his time to agricultural pursuits.

248.

RESIDENCE OF I. W. ANDREW.—The residence of Mr. Isaac W. Andrew was built by Thomas Chadwick shortly after he bought the land here of Samuel Chadwick in 1788. In 1808, he sold the farm to Edmund Kimball a merchant of Newburyport. Mr. Chadwick was son of Dea. Thomas and Mary (Porter) Chadwick, and was born in Boxford in 1751. He married Susanna Porter in 1796, and resided here until he sold out. Among his children were Mary P. and Thomas R. Chadwick.

Mr. Kimball conveyed the farm to Abijah Northey, jr., a merchant of Salem, in 1814. Mr. Northey resided here until 1835, when he sold out to Samuel Groce, another merchant of Salem, who lived here till 1837. He then sold the place to Jonathan Andrew of Boxford. Mr. Andrew was a native of Maine, and a lineal descendant of Robert Andrews, one of the first settlers of Boxford. One of his sons was John Albion Andrew, the loved war-governor of Massachusetts, who was reared on this farm. After the decease of Mr. Andrew, his son, the present owner and occupant, came into the possession of the place and has since retained it, having been for many years an official in the Boston custom house.

249.

DR. EATON HOUSE.—Rev. Peter Eaton was born in Haverhill in 1765, graduated at Harvard college in 1787, and was ordained over the church in West Boxford in October, 1789. The next spring he bought of Moses Porter for two hundred pounds, about forty acres of land a quarter of a mile west of the church, and on it erected his residence. He married, first, in 1792, Sarah, daughter of Rev. Eliab Stone of Reading. An infant daughter, Mary,



died at the age of fourteen months in 1797, and the following is her epitaph :—

“Early, bright, transient as the morning dew
She sparkled was exhal'd and went to heaven.”

Mrs. Eaton died in the winter of 1823–24, and the following obituary notice appeared in the column of deaths of the *Salem Gazette*, in its issue of January 20, 1824 :—

“In Boxford, on Thursday evening, Mrs. Sarah Eaton, wife of Rev. Dr. Eaton. She appeared as well during the day as usual, rode out to visit a sick friend, and in the evening, while sitting with the family, her work was observed to fall from her hands; she was speechless, and evidently deprived of her reason. She continued to breathe until 12 o'clock, when the lamp of life was extinguished.”

He married, secondly, the widow Sarah Swett of Andover. In this house he resided through his ministry of fifty-seven years, and died in 1848, at the age of eighty-three.

He was distinguished for his generous spirit and moral worth, and was loved by the flock over which he had the spiritual charge. Among Dr. Eaton's children were Peter Sidney, born here in 1798, a clergyman at Amesbury, now Merrimac; John Hubbard, born here in 1806, a minister, and connected with the American Tract society; and Mary Stone, who married the late Moses Kimball of Boxford.

Dr. Eaton sold his farm to Jonathan T. Barker of Andover in 1847, the year before his death. In 1864, Mr. Barker sold out to Henry Barker of Boxford, who resided upon it till 1880, when he conveyed the place to Lawrence Carey of Lawrence, who afterward resided here. Mr. Barker removed to Peabody, where he died three or four years later, upward of eighty years of age.

250.

RESIDENCE OF J. HENRY NASON.—The farm of Mr. James Henry Nason was in the possession of Joseph Eames before 1730. In that year he sold it to his brother Nathan Eames. The farm then consisted of a hundred acres, with house, barn, etc. Joseph Eames was a son of Robert and Rebecca (Blake) Eames and was born in Boxford in 1681. He married Jemima —, and had nine children born here, viz. : Abner, who died in 1745, at the age of thirty-four, unmarried ; Jonathan, who lived at No 212 ; Joseph ; Nathan ; Jacob, who married Anne Wallis of Salem in 1744 ; Moses, who married Rebecca Johnson of Andover in 1752, and died in 1754 ; Mary, who died in 1749, aged twenty-eight ; Jemima, who died in 1745–6, aged twenty-one ; and Hannah, who married Jacob Buck of Haverhill in 1752.

Nathan Eames (or *Nathaniel*, as he was at first called) was born in 1685. He married, and lived on this farm from the time of his purchase of it in 1730 to 1762, when he sold to Joseph Robinson, a yeoman of Andover, for £800. The farm then consisted of one hundred and thirty-one acres, with the house, barn, etc. Nathan married Mary —, who survived him. He died suddenly Jan. 11, 1765, aged eighty years. His widow died July 17, 1765, at the age of seventy-eight. They are not known to have had any children.

Joseph Robinson was son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Stevens) Robinson of Andover, where he was born in 1710–11. He married Mehitable Eames of Boxford in 1733.

In the spring of 1770, he advertised this farm for sale in the *Essex Gazette* in its issue of March 13–20, 1770. The following is a copy of the advertisement :—

“To be sold, by the Subscriber, in the North Parish in Boxford, a FARM of about one hundred Acres of good Land, consisting of good

Mowing, Tillage, Pasturing and Orchard, with a large Dwelling-House, with three Cellars under it, two of which are pointed with good white Lime; also a large Barn, a Cyder House, Mill, and Press under it.—Said Farm is well wooded and watered, and chiefly well fenced with good Stone Wall, and is one Mile and a Quarter from the Meeting-House in said Parish.

JOSEPH ROBINSON."

Probably Mr. Robinson did not find a purchaser for his place as he continued to reside here until his death, which occurred in 1777, at the age of sixty-seven. His wife died in 1783, at the age of seventy. Their six children were born in what is now North Andover, and were as follows : Nathan, who died in infancy ; Mary, who married Henry Bodwell of Andover ; John, who succeeded his father on the homestead : Mehitable, who was the wife of James



JOSEPH ROBINSON HOUSE.

Frye of Andover ; Elizabeth, who died in 1777, at the age of thirty-one, unmarried ; and Jeremiah, who died unmarried in 1780, at the age of twenty-six.

John Robinson was a major in the militia, served in the French war, and also in the Revolution, and was a justice of the peace. He was instrumental in preventing a mutiny



among the soldiers during the terrible winter they spent at Valley Forge, and for this and other valuable services General Washington presented him with a sword, which is now in the possession of his great-grandson Prof. John Robinson of Salem. Mr. Robinson was born in Andover in 1739, and married Rebecca, daughter of Daniel Wood of Boxford in 1763. He was also a deacon of the Second church ten years. About 1790 he built on his own land the house now in the possession of Mr. Paul C. Davis (No. 251), to which he removed. He died there in 1810.

Mr. Robinson's daughter, Rebecca, married Isaac Barker of Andover in 1790. To Mr. Barker, Mr. Robinson conveyed this farm in 1804. Mr. Barker lived here until after 1820, and then removed. He sold the place to his brother-in-law Nathan Robinson of Salem in 1827.

The place was next occupied, but not owned, by Oliver Foster who was son of Israel Foster, and was born in No. 93 in 1799. He married Rebecca Foster, his cousin, in 1823, and resided here. He had but one child, Charles Oliver Foster, born in 1824, who resided upon the place with his mother and died unmarried in 1875. Mr. Foster died a year after his marriage, and when his son was only eighteen days old. In 1828, his widow married her old lover Benjamin Robinson, jr., who was a son of Benjamin, and a grandson of Major John Robinson, who formerly owned this place, and was probably born here in 1797.

In 1831, Mr. Robinson bought this farm of the owner, Nathan Robinson of Salem, having resided here since his marriage. About 1845, he took the old house down, and erected, from rocks taken from the south shore of Mitchell's pond, the present stone edifice. Over the front door are two parts of a stone in which are imperfections having the appearance of a fossil butterfly. An old stage-driver has told us that he often stopped his horses here, and let his

passengers take a look at the curious stone. Mr. Robinson died here in 1855, having been the father of Eliza Ann, Rebecca Jane Foster, John Vose, Charlotte Priscilla, and Enoch Kimball. The sons now reside in Peabody.

Mr. Nason has owned and occupied the place several years.

251.

RESIDENCE OF PAUL C. DAVIS.—The residence of Mr. Paul C. Davis was erected by Maj. John Robinson (who lived at No. 250) about 1790. He died here in 1810, at the age of seventy. The following obituary notices of him are copied from the *Salem Gazette*, the first from the death column of its issue of Feb. 2, 1810, and the second from the issue of Feb. 9, 1810.

"At Boxford, on the 22d ult. JOHN ROBINSON, Esq., aged 70. He had been to a neighbour's, and complained of feeling a little unwell, but being better, set out for home with a Mr. Carlton; they rode together about half a mile, and parted; Mr. R. rode about fifty rods further, when it is supposed he got off his horse, fell on his face, and instantly expired. He was seen by a woman, who alarmed Mr. C. when he returned and found him a little out of the path, dead: this was not more than five minutes from the time they had parted. He was subject to fainting fits; and when on horseback, he felt one coming on, he usually got off and sat down. He was a good man. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

"*Tribute to departed worth.*—We lately mentioned the sudden death of JOHN ROBINSON, Esq., of Boxford. We have since received the following notice of his character:—Few characters have been more endeared to the circle of their acquaintance than the deceased. His disposition was mild and amiable; his manner modest and unassuming. Through life, he was the open, undeviating friend of morals, religion and good government. Endowed with a sound understanding and discerning mind, his conduct was regulated by the maxims of wisdom and experience. The offices which he sustained, both civil and military, were discharged in a manner honorable to himself. In the commencement of the revolutionary contest, he discovered himself the firm and inflexible patriot. Taking an active part in the field, his bravery in the hour of peril secured to him the confidence of his associates in danger. Since the establishment of independence, he has regarded the



fortunes of his country with anxious solicitude. Pure in his morals, rational in his religion, the beauties of each were exemplified in his life. In his death, his family have lost a tender friend, society a valuable member, religion an ornament, and his country a useful citizen."

Major Robinson's widow died about three months after himself, at the age of sixty-seven. His large family of eleven children were born at No. 250, and were as follows, viz.: Israel; John, who became a physician, and died in 1790, at the age of twenty-five; Rebecca, who married Isaac Barker of Andover, and lived at No. 250 from 1804; Benjamin, who also probably lived at No. 250 before his brother-in-law Isaac Barker died; Nathan, who settled at Salem, and who was the father of Dr. Horatio Robinson of that place; Aaron, who lived in Andover, Danvers and Salem, and who was the grandfather of Prof. John Robinson of Salem; Deborah, who married Samuel Spofford, and lived at No. 252; Elizabeth; Joseph; Sarah; and Jeremiah.

The next year after Mr. Robinson's death, his administrator, Charles Foster, sold the farm to the deceased's son Aaron Robinson. In 1813, he sold it to Joshua Emery of Newbury, a housewright.

Mr. Emery lived here four years, till 1817, when he sold out to John Bacon, Esq., of Boxford. The Rev. Samuel Hopkins Emery of Taunton was a son of Joshua, and was born here in 1815.

In 1818, Mr. Bacon sold the farm to Seth Burnham, son of Rufus Burnham, who lived at No. 63. On the afternoon of Saturday, August 8, 1829, there was a thunder shower, during which Mr. Burnham's barn was burned. The following account of it is copied from the *Salem Gazette* of August 11, 1829:—

"The storm commenced at Dr. Eaton's parish, West Boxford, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, . . . attended with very severe thunder and lightning. The wind veered from South West to North East and blew



almost a hurricane. The rain fell in torrents, accompanied with hail about the size of walnuts, prostrating the corn and grain in every direction, and destroying more or less glass. A barn, belonging to Mr. Burnham, was struck by the lightning and burnt to the ground, with its contents,—hay, grain, farming tools, chaise and wagon, &c. The dwelling house of Mr. Burnham was saved by the active exertions of his neighbors. The wind blew so violently at one period of the storm, that the people hastened to the parts of their houses most remote from their chimneys, in the expectation that they would be blown over."

Mr. Burnham lived here until 1857, when he sold out to Rev. Gabriel H. DeBevoise of Andover. Mr. Burnham married, in 1818, Caroline, daughter of Edmund Herrick, who lived at Nos. 153 and 170, and had one child, Charlotte. Mrs. Burnham is still living, and, we believe, resides in Waltham.

Mr. DeBevoise sold out to Hon. William A. Russell of Lawrence in 1867, having removed to Walpole, N. H. We believe he is now residing in western Massachusetts.

In 1868, Mr. Russell sold the place to Mr. John Barker of North Andover. Mr. Barker lived here until 1873, when he sold to Mr. Davis, the present owner and occupier.

252.

RESIDENCE OF MISS R. W. CARLETON.—Where Miss Rebecca W. Carleton resides stood the Samuel Spofford house, which was probably built, about 1805, by Isaac Barker, who owned No. 250. Mr. Spofford was living here in 1808, and probably hired the house of Mr. Barker, their wives being sisters. Mr. Barker sold out to Mrs. Spofford in 1817. Mr. Spofford was born at No 83, in 1764, being son of Amos Spofford, married Deborah Robinson in 1793, and was drowned in Great pond in Andover, in January, 1833. He had lived a short time in Portland, Me., before going to Andover, and came from Andover to Boxford in 1817. They had nine children: Rebecca, who married

Peter Pearl; John, who was drowned in the Merrimac river; Joseph, who died in Haverhill; Amos, who was drowned in the pond near the house in 1814, when in his seventh year; Sarah, the mother of Hiram N. Harriman, Esq., of the *Georgetown Advocate*; Harriet, the mother of Mr. George B. Austin, now residing in No. 280; Nathan, who was lost at sea; and two others. The house was burned some years ago.

Miss Carleton's residence was a shop that was moved there, we believe.

The place is now owned by Mr. James H. Nason, who bought it of Robert E. Carleton of Lawrence in 1877.

253.

SARGENT CELLAR.—There is an old cellar in Mr. D. M. Cole's orchard, between the late John Pearl's and Miss Carleton's houses, over which stood a house once occupied by a family named Sargent. The orchard is now known as the Sargent orchard. The head of the family was Moses Sargent, who came from Methuen, and married, in 1767, Esther, daughter of Stephen Runnells. The house has been gone nearly a century.

254.

RESIDENCE OF J. M. PEARL.—The residence of the late John Pearl was probably built by Daniel Mitchell about the time he purchased this land, and the old Hovey place across the street, of the heirs of Luke Hovey in 1812, as stated in No. 255.

Mr. Mitchell lived here until about 1860, when John Pearl bought the place. He lived here until his death in 1890, since which time his widow and son John M. Pearl have resided on the place.



255.

LUKE HOVEY CELLAR.—There is an old cellar across the road from the residence of the late John Pearl known as the Luke Hovey cellar. This land, bounded on the northwest and northeast by the roads and on the south by Mitchell's, or Rush pond, and containing about forty-five acres, was owned in the seventeenth century by John Hovey of Topsfield. His son Luke, born in Topsfield in 1676, married Susanna, daughter of Moses Pillsbury, probably of Newbury, in 1698, and on this land of his father built himself a house in 1700. Aug. 28, 1706, his father deeded the land to him. Old Mr. Hovey had a "great English bible," which he gave in his will to his son Luke, to be bequeathed by him to his son, and so down posterity. In the will of the son, who died in 1787, he carried out the wishes of his father, and the bible is probably still in existence. Mr. Hovey died here in 1751, at the age of seventy-five, and his widow in 1767, at the age of ninety. They had nine children, viz. :—Susanna, who was born in 1699, and married, first, Aaron Brown, and, second, William Lakeman of Ipswich; Dorcas, who married John Foster of Andover; Hannah; Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Kimball of Wenham; Luke, who lived here and at No. 254; Abigail; Joseph, who lived at No. 283; Mary, who married William Woster of Newbury; and Abijah, who married Lydia Graves of Haverhill, and removed to Lunenburg about 1750.

In his will, Mr. Hovey devised this place to his son Luke. Mr. Hovey had built a house near the brook at the southeast end of his lot in which he lived the last few years of his life. The latter house came into the possession of his son Joseph, who resided there. The old place was occupied by Luke Hovey, jr., who was born here in 1708, and



who married, first, Doreas Kimball of Bradford, second, widow Esther Runnells, and, third, Mehitable English, having by the three marriages eleven children, whose names were Thomas (died at the age of three), Thomas (married Sarah Carlton), Elizabeth (married ——— Brown), Abigail (married ——— Baker), Olive (married ——— Gage), Phineas, Luke (died in infancy), Luke (resided on the homestead), Washington, and Mehitable.

Mr. Hovey's barn was struck by lightning in a thunder shower, July 14, 1772, and burned. The following is a copy of the notice of the fire which appeared in the *Essex Gazette* the next week :—

“SALEM, July 21.

“A large Barn, belonging to Mr. Luke Hovey, of Boxford, was set on Fire, last Tuesday, by a Flash of Lightning, and entirely consumed, with four Tons of English Hay.”

Mr. Hovey died in 1787, and his widow continued to reside in the west end of the house.

His son Luke was given the farm, and he resided on it. He was born in 1749, married Hannah Kimball of Bradford in 1775, and died here in 1798. His heirs conveyed it, December 17, 1812, with the buildings thereon, to Daniel Mitchell, a cordwainer of Bradford. There were forty-six acres of land, and the consideration was twelve hundred dollars. The heirs were Hannah Hovey of Boxford, widow, Isaac Hovey and Luke Hovey, both of Boxford, cordwainers, Celinda Hovey of Boxford, singlewoman, Leonard Hovey of Bradford, cordwainer, Doreas Hovey of Newburyport, Guy Carleton of Roxbury, and his wife Abigail, and John Barnes of Deerfield, N. H., and his wife Susanna. The house was probably taken down about that time.

256.

RESIDENCE OF D. M. COLE.—A short distance southeast of Mr. David Mighill Cole's residence once stood a house



built by a Mr. Sherwin, who resided here until near the close of the last century.

This was a part of "Mr. Nelson's Great Farm" of two thousand acres, which was laid out to him in 1667. This particular portion of it was owned in 1708 by Capt. John Peabody of Boxford. Then, the line between this and the Pearl farm, was one rod east of this house. In 1708, Mr. Peabody let the place to Jabez Dorman of Topsfield, who married Hephzibah Perley of Boxford in 1715, had a son Jabez, born the next year, and both mother and son died before the year was out. In fact before the year had expired he had married Abial Foster, and the next year had another son born, who was called by the same name. He immediately removed to Arundel, Me., where he was living in 1728.

John Buckminster, or Buckmaster, as the name was often spelt, also resided here in 1788, having come from Essex. His father probably lived here with John and John's sister Rachel, who married Joshua Brown in 1788, and lived in New Hampshire. (See No. 242.) John married Deborah, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Varnum) Wood of Boxford Nov. 29, 1788. She was born in No. 284 July 2, 1763. Mr. Buckminster was a seaman, and about all of his married life was spent on the ocean. In 1791, when he was at Martinique, in the West Indies, his wife received from him the following letter:—

"Martinique, Feby 28th 1791

"Ever Dear and Loving Wife once More I take this opportunity to inform you that I am Well at Present and hoping these few lines Will find you the Same by the blessing of God I have Nothing New to Write you only We are in hopes to Sail in 25 Days—I Should have Wrote to Joseph but have Not time So beg to be Excused Likewise to fanny

"Give My Duty to father and Mother and kind Love to all Enquiring friends

"I Remain your Loving husband

"John Buckminster."



He came home after the writing of this letter, and went away for the last time early in 1794. While at the port of Charleston, S. C., he sent the following letter to his wife :

“Charleston March 8th, 1794

“My Dear—

“I Take this opportunity to Inform you that I am very well and Hope these few Lines will find you and the Children the Same. We had seventeen Days passage to Charleston We are now Lying Waiting for a freight and Expect to go to some part of Holland And Expect to be back in about Seven Months. I Should be Glad the Joiner would go on with the House as fast as possible. I wish you to Speak to your Uncle about a Deed of the Land. I was there the Day before I sailed, but He being Gone from Home I Could not see Him. If Baker does not Get the boards as soon as the Joiner wants them, Send for them. If Carleton Does not take the leather of Baker Let him wait till I Come Home—If the Clapboards are not sent downe to Chad-docks from Derry Let the Joiner Try and Get them. Get somebody to plough a Garden spot In the Spring

“Remember me to Your father & mother &c And so I remain your Dear and Loving Husband

“John Buckminster.

“I send you something more than twenty pounds of Indigo which you may sell for what you Can or keep it till I come home The Indigo is to be left at Mr. Abel Greenleafs in Newburyport.”

He brought from sea at one time a red silk umbrella, the first umbrella ever seen in this parish. His wife's mother, Granny Wood, called it a “brillio.”

His wife never heard from him again after she received this last letter. He sailed for Holland, as intimated in his correspondence, and when near there a shot from an armed vessel, engaged in the French revolution, took off his head. This was the first and only shot fired upon them. His age was only twenty-five. The young bride was thus left a widow with three children, the oldest of whom was only four years of age. She became insane, and afterward lived in a part of her mother's house, No. 284. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, born Nov. 11, 1789, John Blake, Sept. 8, 1791; and Mary, April 20, 1793.

Mrs. Buckminster died in October, 1804, at the age of forty-one. Of the children, Mary died Aug. 29, 1797, aged four years. Elizabeth, or *Betsey*, as she was commonly called, was unmarried in 1813, when she was living in New Rowley (now Georgetown), and when visiting her brother John in Danbury, N. H., became acquainted with Dea. John Taylor, whom she married. John B. was a member of the West Boxford company of foot in 1812, and married Charlotte Crombie of Georgetown (then a part of Rowley) in 1813. In the spring of 1815, he moved from Georgetown, where he had lived since his marriage, to Danbury, N. H. He stayed there until 1822, when he returned to Georgetown. In 1832, he built the house afterward belonging to his son, the late G. N. Buckminster, in which he resided during the remainder of his life, dying from the effects of a frozen toe, at four-score years of age, leaving a memory sweet with kindnesses, benevolence and Christian fortitude.

Probably from his marriage in 1792 with Hannah Porter this old house was occupied by Zachariah Bacon, who came from Bradford. The house was also occupied, at the beginning of this century, by William Porter and James Coburn. Mr. Coburn was living here in 1820. He was a son of David Coburn, who lived at No. 263, and was born in Nottingham-west, N. H., in 1783.

The last occupant was Theodore Reynolds. The house was taken down in 1836 by its owner, Joshua T. Day.

Mr. Cole built his residence in 1853, and has since resided in it. He is a son of Manly Cole, and was born in No. 236.

257.

DOCTOR BACON HOUSE.—The residence of the late El-

bridge Perley was erected by Dr. Josiah Bacon. He was a son of William Bacon, who is said to have moved here from Boston, and who is claimed to have been a descendant of Lord Francis Bacon, the distinguished philosopher and scholar of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Doctor Bacon bought this land in 1814 of his brother John Bacon, and probably built the house the same year.

Doctor Bacon was born about 1785, and married Abigail Ayer about 1813. They had three children, Edward, Sally Ayer, who was born in 1816, and died, unmarried, in 1854, and Abigail. He practised medicine here from about 1813 to about 1840, when the influence of intoxicating liquor drove his patients from him, and shortly after led him to the town almshouse, where he died in 1855, at the age of seventy. His widow was for several years the housekeeper of General Lowe, and after his marriage with Mrs. Merriam, Mrs. Bacon built what is now the public library building in the East parish, and lived there until her death. Her daughter Abbie, born in 1821, lived there after her mother's decease until death released her from her loneliness in 1878. Edward Bacon, born in 1814, was found drowned in a pond in Groveland, Dec. 23, 1881, having evidently committed suicide. He was the last of the Doctor's children. John Bacon, Esq., the author of Bacon's *Town Officer*, was the Doctor's brother. Squire Bacon lived in that part of Boxford, which is now in Groveland.

The farm was quit-claimed to Elbridge Perley by Bradstreet Tyler in 1841. Elbridge was a son of Benjamin Perley, and was born in Dunbarton, N. H., in 1810. Mr. Perley died here in 1876, and his widow and son John E. have since resided upon the place. Mr. William E. Perley, who resides in No. 246, is another son. Three of his sons served in the war of the Rebellion, and two died from the effects of the service.



258.

RESIDENCE OF M. P. WHITTIER.—The residence of Mr. Marshall P. Whittier was erected by his father Francis C. Whittier about 1850. He removed here from No. 278, and died some two or three years ago, since which time his son has resided upon the place.

259.

RESIDENCE OF J. H. WEBSTER.—The old Pearl place was the tract of two hundred acres laid out to John Sandys, in right of his father Henry Sandys, in 1667. It was bounded on the southwest by "Mr. Nelson's Great Farm" of two thousand acres, and came into the possession of Joseph Dowding, a merchant of Boston, who sold it to Cornelius Browne, a farmer of Reading, for £70, Sept. 10, 1703. Mr. Browne probably came here the following spring and built the present house. His wife Susanna died here in 1734, at the age of seventy-four.

In 1738, the place was sold by Mr. Browne to Richard Pearl of Bradford, housewright. Mr. Browne retained half of the house and barn. The farm then consisted of one hundred and forty acres. Mr. Pearl's father was John Pearl, from Skidby, Yorkshire, England, a miller by trade; and his mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Holmes of Rowley. Richard was born in what is now Groveland in 1702. He built the original mill, in connection with another man, that occupied the site of the first factory of E. J. M. Hale in South Groveland. Richard lived first in Andover, and came to Boxford as above. About that time he erected in the rear of his house the first grist-mill that existed in the West parish. Richard died in 1793, at the age of ninety-one, his wife Sarah having died seven years previously. His daughter Elizabeth married Lt. Ebenezer

Peabody, who resided in No. 260, and his son Richard died of the small-pox in 1760, at twenty years of age.

Mr. Pearl's son John succeeded him on the place. He was born in 1738, and married Eunice Kimball in 1765. He had a family of eleven children, the youngest of whom was Peter Pearl, who resided in No. 218, and another of them was Simeon Pearl, the grandfather of Mr. J. M. Pearl, who resides in No. 254.

After Mr. Pearl's death his son John came into the possession of the place. He was born in 1768, and in 1794, married Mehitable Hall. He died in 18—. Their son Rufus died in the summer of 1797, aged but one year. The following is his epitaph:—

"Fresh in the morn, the summer rose
Hangs withering ere 'tis noon
We scarce enjoy the balmy gift
But mourn the pleasure gone."

His son, George Pearl, was the next proprietor of the ancient homestead. He was born in 1798, and always resided there. When the old meeting-house in this parish was taken down in 1843, Mr. Pearl purchased the porch, and annexed it to the east end of his house where it still remains. He died in 1878, and his widow survived him several years. His family still reside upon the place. This is also the home of James H. Webster, Esq., a son-in-law of Mr. Pearl. Mr. Pearl was a prominent man, being the representative of the town to the state legislature in 1857.

260.

BENJAMIN PEABODY HOUSE.—The residence of the late Benjamin Peabody was built by his father, Lt. Ebenezer Peabody, about 17—. Ebenezer was born in 1742, and served through the Revolutionary war, his special service being prosecuted with Col. Alden in his New York expedition in 1778 against the Indians. He married, first, Eliz-

abeth Pearl in 1764. She died in 1776, at the age of thirty-two, and he married, secondly, in 1780, her sister Sarah. He died in 1829, at the age of eighty-three.

Mr. Peabody had twelve children, one of whom, Benjamin, born in 1789, settled on the place in 1819. His wife was Rachel Hunting of Boston, whom he married in 1815. He went to Boston when quite young to live, and continued to reside there four years after his marriage. Mr. Peabody was a man of large size, and of an iron constitution. Mrs. Peabody was quite diminutive in stature, and was distinguished for her kind and motherly qualities. He died in 1879, and she followed him three years later.

Of their family of eight children, the oldest is the widow of Jonathan Edwards Foster, and resides in No. 92. The next married John P. Foster of North Andover. The next, Thomas Isaac, was a teacher of the Farm school in Boston harbor, and, in 1842, went out sailing with the boatman and twenty of his pupils, when the boat was upset and all were drowned. He was twenty-two years old. Caroline A. is the widow of the late Samuel H. Batchelder of Methuen. Eliza O. is the wife of Mr. Isaac W. Andrew, who resides in No. 248. Ada B. is the wife of Mr. William P. Cleaveland, who resides in No. 13. Benjamin Franklin, the youngest son, was the last of the family to reside on the old place. He died a few years ago, and the homestead is now owned and occupied during the summer months by a Mr. Wilmarth of Boston.

261.

RESIDENCE OF V. V. MOULTON.—Mr. Valorus Valentine Moulton built his house in 1849, and has since lived in it.

262.

RESIDENCE OF G. S. DODGE.—Mr. George Stanwood Dodge built his residence about 1870.



263.

RESIDENCE OF CHARLES STILES.—The house of the late Elijah Stiles was occupied in 1820 by David Coburn, who came from Nottingham-west, N. H., about 1788. By his wife Sarah he had at least three children : David, who married here in 1797 ; James, who lived in No. 256 ; and William Merrill, who was born here in 1790. Dr. Jeremiah Spofford of Groveland, as guardian of Sarah Coburn, of Boxford, a person *non compos mentis*, sold this place to Benjamin Robinson of Boxford, yeoman, in 1840. The farm then consisted of twenty acres. Upon Mr. Robinson's death, his administrator sold it to Elijah Stiles of Boxford in 1842. Mr. Stiles died here in 1881, and his son Charles resides upon the farm, which lies on the northwest border of Johnson's pond, on a part of which he has fitted up a pleasure resort known as Stiles' grove.

264.

ENOS REYNOLDS HOUSE.—The old house that stood where the residence of Miss Harriet Reynolds stands, was built quite early in the eighteenth century, as in 1799 it was very old and dilapidated. In the old house, from the time of his marriage probably in 1754, lived Stephen Runnells, as the name was then spelled and pronounced. His wife was Hannah Pearl. He was a cooper by trade, and died young in 1771, having had seven children. His widow continued to live here, and died in 1822, at the age of eighty-six.

One of Stephen Runnells' children was Enos, who was born in 1757. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and was at the battle of Bunker hill, and went with Arnold to Quebec, where he was taken prisoner by the British, and afterwards escaping, swam across Lake Champlain on a

board and returned to his family who had given him up as dead. He was so disguised by small pox, from which he had suffered at Quebec, that his mother at first supposed him a stranger while drinking at the family well in the door-yard on his return. He was also with General Sullivan in 1777 in his expedition against the Indians in the state of New York,—at Cherry Valley, Saratoga and other places. He was also one of the personal guard of Major André in his cell on the night before his execution, and was much touched by the demeanor of the condemned.

In 1782, Mr. Reynolds married Sarah Simmons, and settled on the old place, which he carried on during the rest of his long life. He erected the present house, raising the frame Sept. 11, 1799. Mr. Reynolds was a carpenter and did the work himself. It has been shingled twice and clapboarded once since it was built. Some of the timber and some of the finishing of the old house were used in the new. The panelling at the end of the dining-room and one side of the sitting-room was old when it was used again.

Mr. Reynolds died in 1845, at the age of eighty-nine. He was a prominent man in the town, and possessed excellent qualities of mind, body and heart. He had twelve children, eight of whom we would specially mention as follows :—

1. Stephen, who became a sailor and ship owner, and about 1825 sailed to the Hawaiian Islands where he sold his vessel to King Kamehameha, who sailed to England in it. The king died in England, thereby causing so long a delay in the payment for the vessel that Mr. Reynolds became firmly established in business at Honolulu, and remained there until 1856, when he came home and died the next year, at the age of seventy-four. It is said that the natives tried to persuade him to become their king.



2. Eliphalet, who was a shoemaker, and died in New York in 1838.

3. Samuel, who was a morocco dresser, and died in West Boxford in 1855.

4. Frederick, who was a carpenter, and died at the homestead in 1867, at the age of eighty-two.

5. Matilda, who married Jedediah Barker of Boston. Her husband died in 1868, and she returned to the old homestead where she died in 1884, at the age of ninety-six.

6. William, who was a sailor, being drowned in Boston harbor in 1818.

7. Rebecca Eveline, who visited the Sandwich Islands alone at different times, going around Cape Horn the first time in 1851-52 and crossing the Isthmus of Panama the second time in 1856-57, when her brother Stephen returned with her. She was a teacher distinguished for force of character, remarkable intellect, energy of will, integrity of conscience, and a spirit of self-sacrifice. She died in 1865, at the age of sixty-one.

8. Harriet, who was born in 1799, was the survivor of the family. In early life she taught school for ten years in her own district, and afterwards elsewhere. She was very pleasant and graceful in her manners. She died at the homestead in 1891, at the age of ninety-two.

Miss Harriet Reynolds had a blue platter, brought from Delfthaven, presumably by the first Pearls who came over. It is of Delft ware, and used to stand on the dresser in the old Pearl house, No. 259. The groove of the dresser was not deep enough to secure it, so a nail was driven in, and the constant wear against the nail wore the edge of the platter to the depth of nearly an inch, so long had it been there.

265.

SESSIONS CELLAR.—A hundred and twenty years ago



Josiah Sessions lived on Sessions hill near the Reynolds place (No. 264) in West Boxford.

Mr. Sessions was born in Bradford April 14, 1721, being son of Josiah and Anna Sessions of that town. He married Martha —, by whom he had a son Stephen born in Boxford, December 26, 1775, who married, in 1797, Polly Adams of Epping, N. H. The family possessed but little character, and obtained their living mostly by stealing. The cellar of his house yet remains. The house was torn down in a search for stolen goods, some fifty years ago. The barn was taken down in 1840 or 1841, and part of the timber used in building on the kitchen part of the Reynolds house, No. 264.

Joseph Sessions, who died "in ye strong-house" in 1779, was probably a member of this family.

266.

RUNNELLS CELLAR.—Beside the Sessions house, No. 264, another one used to stand on the top of Sessions hill in the West parish, on the same side of the road as the residence of Mr. Daniel Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds lived there when he built his house.

267.

THOMAS PEABODY CELLAR.—On the opposite side of the road from the residence of Miss Harriet Reynolds, near the brook, is the site of an old house. It was probably built by Ensign David Peabody (from No. 140). He died in 1726, at the age of forty-eight, and his widow, in 1736, married Joseph Kinsman of Ipswich, whither she removed. She died here, very suddenly, in 1756, at the age of seventy-two, and was buried in the old cemetery in this parish.

Mr. Peabody's son Thomas, born in 1705, lived here after his mother's marriage. He married Ruth Osgood of Ando-



ver in 1738, and died here in 1758, at the age of fifty-two. His widow continued to reside here until she married Benjamin Milliken of Bradford in 1763. Mr. Peabody had nine children—four sons and five daughters.

His son Ebenezer, who was born in 1742, married in 1764 and resided here until about 1790, when he built the house lately owned and occupied by his son Benjamin Peabody. See No. 260.

Mrs. Barker, who was born and reared in the immediate neighborhood and who died at her residence in Boxford in 1884 at the age of ninety-seven years, said the house was destroyed before her remembrance. But the old-fashioned dark red roses, that used to grow in the garden, still spring up and bloom in the hay-field.

268.

RESIDENCE OF GEORGE REYNOLDS.—Mr. George Reynolds built his house in 187—, and has since resided in it.

269.

RESIDENCE OF D. L. REYNOLDS.—Mr. Daniel Lakeman Reynolds' farm was the Sherwin place. Ebenezer Sherwin from Linebrook parish, Ipswich, came to Boxford about 1695, probably with his parents. He died in 1712. By his wife Susanna, he had children, Hannah, Jonathan and Ebenezer.

Ebenezer Sherwin, jr., was born in 1705-6, and married Hephzibah Cole in 1726. They had eight children born here, Ebenezer, John, Susanna, Elnathan, Samson, Martha, Silas, and Hephzibah. In 1747, he sold the farm to Samuel Runnells of Bradford, and removed to Dunstable.

Samuel Runnells resided here. He was born about 1674 at Port Royal, Nova Scotia, and came to Bradford, where he married Abigail Middleton about 1700.



Mr. Daniel L. Reynolds built his residence about 18—. He was a son of Theodore Reynolds, who lived in No. 256.

270.

MICAJAH KIMBALL CELLAR.—Near the Perry house in West Boxford on the Bradford line, stood the Kimball house. It is said that on this place lived Thomas Kimball, who was slain by the Indians May 3, 1676, and his wife and five children, Joannah, Thomas, Joseph, Priscilla and John, carried away into captivity. The wife and children returned home on the thirteenth of the following month. The age of John, the youngest of these children, was but six months. The well to this house was filled up by the owner of the lot, Mr. George W. Chadwick, about 1845. The house has been gone for a century, probably.

271.

KIMBALL CELLAR.—On the town line near Little pond was an old Kimball house. It stood about three rods from house No. 270. It is supposed by some people to have been built by the grandfather of the late Micajah Kimball, who lived in it. It was a long one-story house at first, but raised to two stories by David Kimball, father of the late Micajah, about 1780. In making this change, tradition says that the first cut nails used in this vicinity were driven. Another tradition is, that, in 1796, or the next year, Micajah Kimball, who then owned the place, raised the house to two stories. Mr. Kimball was a carpenter, and, it is said, worked in the erection of the Bradford and Haverhill bridge at that time, and carried home enough of cut nails, that had just come into use, to remodel his house with.

Micajah was a son of David and Abigail Kimball and was born in Bradford Nov. 14, 1765. He had two brothers,

Benjamin, born Aug. 28, 1765(?), and Nicholas, born Sept. 28, 1763. Micajah's father died early in this century, and the house continued to be occupied by Micajah and his wife until they became a charge to the town, about 1842, when it came into the possession of Mr. Chadwick's family. Micajah's sister Hannah and her daughter Sarah, who were both born here, remained some time after the removal of Micajah, and they too became town charges about 1847 or 1848.

The house was then occupied by Francis C. Whittier (who moved from No. 276) for some years, until he removed to the Peabody house (No. 278) about 1849. It was taken down by Mr. George W. Chadwick in 1882.

272.

THE PERRY CELLAR.—The Perry house was built by Benjamin Kimball in 1821. Mr. Kimball married Betsey Pritchard of Bradford in 1819, and had two children born here, Elizabeth and Benjamin.

John W. Perry lived here a number of years, and the family then removed to Bradford, where one of the sons, Benjamin G., was town clerk, and treasurer and collector.

The place was latterly occupied for three years by Eunice, widow of the late Capt. Jonathan Chadwick of Bradford. Mrs. Chadwick died in 1879 at Mr. D. M. Cole's, whose wife was her daughter, and with whom she lived the last few months of her life. The house was then taken down.

273.

RESIDENCE OF G. W. CHADWICK.—In Mr. George W. Chadwick's front yard stood a house, built by his mother in 1830. She was Eunice, a daughter of Dea. John Day (see No. 274). She was born in Bradford in 1799, and



married Jonathan Chadwick, a sea-captain, who was a son of Joseph Chadwick, Esq., in whose house he resided at the time of his death in 1830. George W. Chadwick and his brothers were born there. His sister Eunice was born in 1830 in Mr. Charles Perley's house (No. 274), in which her mother's father lived, and to which her mother removed after her husband's death, and lived until she built the house mentioned at the beginning of this article. She moved into it in December, 1830.

Mrs. Chadwick lived here until 1856, then two years at North Andover with her sister Mrs. Harriet D. Brown, then came back to Boxford and lived at the Perry house, No. 272, which see.

Mr. G. W. Chadwick built his house in 1856, and has occupied it ever since, all his children having been born there.

274.

RESIDENCE OF CHARLES PERLEY. — The farm of Mr. Charles Perley of West Boxford belonged to Samuel Kimball about 1790. Mr. Kimball was a son of Ephraim and Hannah (Potter) Kimball, and was born in Boxford in 1744. His parents removed to Shrewsbury, when Samuel was about eighteen. He stayed behind, and marrying Anna Webster of Haverhill, in 1768, settled on this place. His wife died here May 6, 1778, leaving one child, Anna, who died in 1794, unmarried, at the age of twenty-three.

Mr. Kimball married, secondly, Elizabeth (Gage), widow of Benjamin Cole of Boxford in September, 1778. Mr. Kimball and his wife first belonged to the Bradford church, and in the spring of 1779, were dismissed from that to the Second church in Boxford. Mr. Kimball died Sept. 7, 1790, at the age of forty-five. By his second wife, he was the father of another child, Elizabeth, who was born in 1779. This daughter married Dr. William Gage, and con-



tinued to reside here with the mother until 1805, when they sold the farm to John Day, jr., of Bradford. The family removed from town. Dr. Gage has descendants now occupying important stations. One of them, Dr. William H. Gage, a grandson, was assistant physician at the Taunton insane asylum, and another is a superintendent of schools in the District of Columbia.

The old house stood a little to the left of the lane leading up to the west end of Mr. Perley's barn.

Mr. Chadwick says he cannot remember the old house, but some of the out-buildings were standing in his younger days, about 1833-35.

Mr. Day removed to this farm, where he lived during the remainder of his long life, and most of his children were born in this old house. His wife was Mary, daughter of Bradstreet Tyler, who lived at No. 279. Their first living child was Eunice, who was the mother of Mr. George W. Chadwick, and she was born at Ward hill, in Bradford, where her father then lived, in 1799. Mr. Day erected Mr. Perley's house in 1830, or shortly before. He was a deacon of the Second church from 1814 to 1848, and died in 1868, at the great age of ninety-one years and seven months. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Ingersol) Day, and was born in Bradford in 1776.

After Deacon Day's death, his son John became the owner of the place. He was born and always resided here, and was accidentally killed in his mill in 1879. He was distinguished for his modesty, ingenuity and good farming.

Since Mr. Day's death, his son-in-law, Mr. Perley, has been in possession of the farm.

275.

JOHN HOVEY CELLAR.—Toward the North Andover line from Mr. Charles Perley's residence (No. 274), in a

pleasant, picturesque valley, some distance in at the right hand side of the road, is an old cellar where a family of Hoveys lived.

The house was probably built by John Hovey, nephew to Luke Hovey, the first of the name to settle in Boxford (see No. 255), and son of John and Mary Hovey. He was born in Topsfield Aug. 27, 1699, married Mary ——— in 1725, and probably immediately settled on this farm. They had six children, four daughters and two sons, John and Richard. The father died in 1778, aged seventy-eight, and the mother in the same year, six months later, at the age of seventy-seven.

The son Richard, born in 1733, resided on this place. He was a great beekeeper. His brother John probably erected the Parker house (No. 276). Richard married Sarah Wood of Andover in 1757, and had eight children.

His son John Hovey was born in 1770, and was a twin with Betty. Twins are apt to be pindling, but this case was a great exception. Mr. Hovey was a strong man of great endurance. He would carry a grist of two bushels of corn on his back to the mill at North Andover, a good two miles away. He would also bring his peat from the meadow in the same way in two-bushel creels. Of his great peach orchard, two ancient trees yet remain. John Hovey married Hannah Weed of Haverhill in 1796, and became the father of Richard, Moses, and other children. He was living here in 1820, but probably survived but a short time after that date.

The house was gone shortly after 1820. It was two stories in height, about 32 x 24 feet, and had one of the large old-fashioned chimneys. The place is now owned by Dea. Nathaniel Gage of North Andover. His grandfather Gage first spread plaster in this vicinity, on this place as a fertilizer.

276.

PARKER CELLAR.—Towards the North Andover line from No. 275, and on the same side of the road in Mr. Nathaniel Gage's field, stood the Parker house, which was doubtless built by John, son of John and Mary Hovey, who was born in No. 275, in 1727. He married, first, Marcy Jackson of Rowley in 1753; she died in childbirth, probably in 1755, at the age of twenty-four. He married, secondly, Mary Cole in 1757, by whom he probably had no children. His only child was Marcy, born in 1755. She married William Parker of Andover in 1781, and they resided on the place. They had eight children, the first seven of them being baptized at their house on one day, Aug. 15, 1797. The parents had been admitted to the church here the June before. William, the oldest child, on the day of his baptism, "was admitted to ye ordinance of the chh, upon condition of considering himself under the watch and subject to the discipline of the church." He was but fifteen years of age; very young indeed to become connected with the church in those times. They had three sons and five daughters—William, Abigail, Hannah, Esther, Mary, Susanna, John and Benjamin.

Mr. Parker either died or removed from the town in 1826, as he is taxed for the place and not for his poll that year. His sons Benjamin and John were taxed here for the last time in 1825.

Mr. Parker had a remarkable dream, which, unlike most, came to pass to the letter. A man seemed to appear to him near the barn (which is yet standing) and told him that he would lose his whole family, naming them in the order they would die, the family then consisting of his wife and the four youngest children. The dream was fulfilled soon after.

In 1827, Aaron Henry came here to live. He was away 1831-1833, here the next year, and from 1835 to 1843, inclusive, was taxed for the farm. He removed in 1844 to Bradford. He went to Springfield soon after, and was in trade there, then to Holyoke, and afterward to Charlton, Mass., where he died in 1858. His widow died at Chicopee, in July, 1883. Their three sons, William, Parker and John C., lived here probably, during the interval when Mr. Henry was away, 1831-1833.

John Thompson lived here in 1845, and Francis C. Whittier soon after, subsequently moving to the Kimball house, No. 270.

The house was taken down about 1853, and a part of the lumber was used in building a house on Ward hill, in Bradford, now owned by John Richardson. The house was two stories in height and measured about 32x28 feet, being finished with dado boards. It faced the west, and the chimney was in the middle. The well was about three rods south of the house.

John Day bought the farm about 1853, and took the house down. About four years later he sold to Dea. Daniel K. Gage. It is now owned by Dea. Nathaniel Gage.

277.

WARREN PERLEY CELLAR.—About 1850, John Day, jr., built a house for Warren Perley near No. 276. Mr. Perley lived in it two or three years, and then removed to Bradford, where he now resides. After his removal, it was sold by Mr. Day to Joshua Ellis of Ward hill, Bradford, whence it was removed by twenty-eight yoke of oxen. It measured 32x16 feet, and had an ell.

278.

THE HANSON CELLAR.—The old black house that lately



stood near the residence of Mr. Geo. B. Austin, was known as the Hanson house ; why, we do not know. This house was probably built by a Mr. Hovey. Esther Hovey married —— Peabody, which gave it the name of the Peabody house. It came to Mr. Peabody's son Daniel, after the death of his parents, and he died while dressing to be married to Sally, daughter of Abraham Tyler.

Francis C. Whittier moved from No. 270 to this house about 1849 ; and after living here two or three years moved to his new house No. 258.

THE RUINED HOUSE.

"Gloom is around thy lonely hearth,
O silent house, once filled with mirth."

MRS. HEMANS.

"O lonely ruin, that erewhile didst lift
Thy time-worn frame against the tempest's shock,
But met it firmly, e'en as breasts the wave
In its wild wrath, the surge-repelling rock,—

"Lonely and silent,—silent! no, a voice
Comes from the wakened echoes of the past,
Through the dim vista of departed years,
I see their lengthened shadows broadly cast.

"Gay sounds of mirth were in those dim, old walls,
In those bright days when time went lightly by,
There were glad voices round the pleasant hearth,
And love beamed kindly from th' approving eye.

"Then childhood's careless glee in merry shout,
And pleasant song in joyous strain were poured,
Old age was tended with endearing care,
And friends were bidden to the welcome board.

"They parted, and all desolate and lone
Thou stood'st awhile, like them to pass away,
And I a moment muse beside the spot
That saw thee slowly yielding to decay."

279.

B. TYLER HOUSE.—The house near Mr. George B. Austin's residence was formerly owned by Bradstreet Tyler. It descended to his daughter, and her heirs sold it many years ago to Mr. Austin, who still owns it. It is a tenement house.

280.

RESIDENCE OF G. B. AUSTIN.—The house of Mr. George B. Austin was built by Bradstreet Tyler about 1800. He died in 185—, and the farm descended to his daughter Charlotte, who had married Charles Pearl. After Mr. Pearl's death, his widow married Mr. Austin, who bought the farm in 1879, and has since resided upon it.

281.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. J. P. COLE.—The residence of Mrs. Joseph P. Cole was built by Mr. Caleb M. Cole in the winter of 1854–55. Mr. Cole bought the land, one half acre, of Bradstreet Tyler in October, 1854, and sold it with the house thereon in March, 1855, to Joseph P. Cole, whose widow has owned it since his death.

282.

RESIDENCE OF J. W. CHADWICK.—Dea. Joshua T. Day bought the place now in the possession of Mr. James Warren Chadwick in 18—, and died in 1875. Shortly afterward the place was purchased by Mr. Chadwick, who has made the farm one of the most productive in New England.

283.

IVORY HOVEY CELLAR.—Near the brook, on the west side of the road between the houses of Mr. J. Warren Chadwick and the late Asa Kimball, stood an old Hovey house.

It was erected by Luke Hovey, who settled at No 255, and he and his wife spent the last few years of their lives here. Mr. Hovey died in 1751, and this place then came into the possession of his son Joseph Hovey, who was born at No. 255, in 1712. He married Rebecca Stickney of Bradford in 1744, and resided here. He was a deacon of the church in this parish from 1759 till his death, which occurred in 1785, when he was seventy-three years of age. His wife died in 1788. Their children were, Dolly, who married Samuel Clark of Danvers. Joseph, who lived here awhile, and then settled at No. 289. Lucy, who married Thomas Cross of Bradford. Ivory, who lived on the homestead. Lois, who died at the age of six years. Rebecca, who married Amos Perley. Amos. Lois, who married Amos Gage. Thomas.

Joseph Hovey was succeeded on the place by his two sons, Joseph and Ivory. Joseph was born in 1746; and he married Mary Porter in 1773. In November, 1790, he was the lucky owner of ticket Mo. 760 in the fifth-class of the state lottery, which drew a prize of a thousand dollars. With this money he wisely purchased farm No. 289, to which he removed.

Ivory Hovey, the other son, continued to reside on the homestead. He was born in 1750; married Lucy Peabody in 1772, and lived here until his death. He became a captain in the militia, and was also an officer in the war of the Revolution. He died in 1832, at the age of eighty-two, and in the death column of the *Salem Gazette* of the next week appeared the following obituary notice:—

"In Boxford, August 27, Capt. Ivory Hovey, aged 82. An ardent patriot and revolutionary soldier—who was in the hottest of the battle of Bunker Hill—sustained the office of orderly Sergeant under Capt. Robinson in the trying scenes in New Jersey and Long Island—was in the battle of Trenton and distinguished himself at sundry times by many fearless and heroic deeds—was a man of noble and generous heart—an obliging personal friend, and an active friend of humanity."

Captain Hovey had several children, one of whom, Charles, removed to Warren, Me., in 1803, and established the tanning business there, being joined two years later by his brother Ivory.

A few years after Captain Hovey's death, there remained no vestige of this home, but the narcissus of the old garden, which still springs up near the brook.

284.

JOSEPH WOOD CELLAR.—Between the houses of Mr. J. Warren Chadwick and the late Asa Kimball on the same side of the road, and reached by a lane, was the dwelling of "Granny Wood." This was probably the home of Daniel Wood, son of Dr. David Wood, who willed to Daniel in 1744 a farm bought of Nathaniel Peabody. Daniel was born in 1706, and married Sarah Peabody in 1731. They had three sons and four daughters. The eldest son and second child was Joseph, who was born in 1734. He married, in 1753, Mary, or Molly (as she was generally called), Var-num of what is now North Andover, and from the district called Pifferville. Joseph Wood died in 1801.

His wife had the notoriety of being the first to bring tomatoes into this neighborhood, about 1809. She called them Jacobins, from the political opinions of the person of whom she obtained them. She used to go to Salem to market on horse-back, and it is said she, through her horse, first brought to this place that farmer's pest known as white-weed, or by whatever name it may be called.

Granny Wood was a good neighbor, and beloved by all for her kind disposition. Her nick-name was "for-ti-know," a favorite expression of hers, and a contraction possibly of "far as I know." She used to relate with glee how, once when she was riding to Salem horseback, she saw a bird fly from its nest. She dismounted, took the nest, which had

three young birds in it, and on getting to Salem sold nest and birdlings for three coppers.

The children of Mr. Wood were as follows :—

1. Josiah, born in 1754, was a revolutionary soldier, and at last lived in New York state. 2. Sarah, born in 1757, married Joseph Carleton, who lived in No. 85. 3. Judith, born in 1759, lived in North Andover. 4. Joseph died at the age of thirteen months. 5. Deborah married John Buckminster, who lived in No. 256, and died here in 1804. 6. Daniel was born in 1765. 7. Nathan, born in 1767, was a shoe-maker, and lived in Salem. He had several daughters and one son, the latter having deformed hands. 8. Joseph lived on the place with his parents. 9. Fanny, born new year's day, 1774, married George Underwood of Salem in 1799, and lived in that town. Their children were, Sally, who was the originator of the expression, common in this neighborhood, "too tough to die," because granny was seventy-five years old and still alive; Joseph; and Fanny.

Mr. Wood's son Joseph always lived at home. He was born in 1770, and married Polly, daughter of Runnells Foster in 1796. She was a pretty woman. Of their children, Mary died of a fever, at the age of ten; Isaac disappeared, and at last turned up at Saybrook, Conn.; and Deborah, who was brought up by her aunt Judith Wood in North Andover, still resides in Boxford, at the age of nearly ninety.

Joseph Wood had a rosebush, which bore white double blossoms. This was the original of several in the neighborhood. He used to train his that he might gather the flowers from the second-story window.

The barn here stood in the field for some years after the house was gone; and there were quince bushes near the cellar.

285.

ASA KIMBALL HOUSE.—The residence of the late Asa Kimball was built by James Carleton in 1846. Mr. Kimball lived here many years, and died about 1885. His widow has since resided here.

286.

MOSES HALE CELLAR.—Across the street from the residence of the late Daniel Wood was an old cellar. The house that stood here was built by Pelatiah Lakeman, probably about 1767, the time of Mr. Lakeman's marriage with Eunice Barker of Andover. He was a son of William and Susannah Lakeman, and was born in Boxford in 1742. His father came from Ipswich about 1731. Pelatiah had six children born here, Nathan, Daniel, Jedediah, Isaac, Stephen and Betty. The family moved out of the West parish in 1780–81, and in 1793 were dismissed from the church here to the Second church in Exeter, N. H. His father William Lakeman lived until 1739 in the old Pearl house, No. 259.

Jan. 3, 1777, this place was owned by Job Tyler (whose wife was Elizabeth), who had probably lived in No. 218. On the date named, he sold this place to the Rev. Moses Hale, for £240, and removed to Rindge, N. H. There were then thirty-two acres of land, a house, barn and shop.

Mr. Hale lived here. He was born in Rowley, Feb. 19, 1749. He was a son of Rev. Moses Hale of Newbury, a graduate of Harvard college in 1771, and was settled over the Second church in 1774. Mr. Hale married Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Stephen Emery of Newbury (now West Newbury), about a year after his ordination, and his father thus records the event in his diary: "Dec. 28, 1775. Fair; moderate and pleasant for ye season. We were at

Col. Emery's p. m., married my son Moses," etc. They had five children. Mrs. Hale died in April, 1785, and Mr. Hale followed her in May of the following year. Mr. Hale's epitaph is as follows:—

"In the dark caverns of the silent Tomb,
The old, the young, the gay, all ages come.
Here lies interr'd the Priest in fable urn;
Here meet his flock & each to dust return.
These iron gates no more shall e'er be burst,
Till heav'n's command shall wake the sleeping dust,
And then Creations vast, immense shall rise,
And men with Angels throng th' ethereal skies.
The God of Nature thus from heav'n hath spoke,
Nor Men nor Angels can his word revoke.
It must be so! then let my soul resign,
And be prepared for his will divine."

The following is Mrs. Hale's epitaph:—

"Daughters of Eve of every age draw near
Drop o'er this hallow'd urn the friendly tear
Here lies Y^e Pious Prudent cheerful Kind
An active, vigorous Yet a Gentle Mind
How Bright her virtues in Domestic life
The Careful Parent & the faithful Wife
But O what Sacred Peace what joy Serene
Graced & Perfumed her dying words & mien
With all Y^e Christian Speaking in her Eyes
She bids this World adieu & Gains her native Skies."

After Mr. Hale's death the place came into the possession of Lemuel Wood, father of the late venerable Daniel Wood. Mr. Wood died in 1819, at the age of seventy-seven. He had seven children, the sixth of whom was Daniel, who was born here Feb. 10, 1793. The house was afterward used as a school-house, from about 1836, by Miss Eveline Reynolds, who fitted young ladies for teaching. She generally had about twenty-five scholars. The house was taken down about 1845.



built his residence in the summer of 1820, but it was not occupied till the following April. In 1835, he built on the back part. In 1849, he made some repairs, and in 1856 shingled, clapboarded and painted the house, and added the pediment. In 1880, he put in the modern windows of four panes each, and the next year painted both outside and inside of the house. Mr. Wood was a son of Lemuel Wood, who lived across the street, in No. 286. He died in 1888 at the age of ninety-six, being until a few months before his decease as hale and hearty as in his prime.

His son, William Hale Wood, always lived at home, and died in 1891 at the age of sixty-seven, leaving a widow. He was town clerk during the years of the Rebellion, and filled other public offices.

288.

A. P. HOVEY HOUSE.—The house lately occupied by Mr. Albert P. Hovey was built by himself in 1885. He moved from this house to No. 233.

289.

BARKER FREE SCHOOL.—Where the residence of the principal of the Barker free school stands, was formerly the Clark house. William Clark, who was probably its builder, came from Reading, and bought the land in 1705. He married Jean —— and had a son John born here in 1712, who died at two years of age. Mr. Clark was a weaver by trade. About 1730, he sold the place to Dr. David Wood. Shortly after, he became a pauper, and was boarded out in different families until he died at the house of Benjamin Porter, Feb. 8, 1742-43, being treated by Dr. Benjamin Foster. The place was occupied from 1733 by Dr. Wood's son David, to whom he gave the farm in his will which was proved in 1744.

David Wood was born in 1709, married Macey Pea-

body (?) in 1733, and died in 1785, at the age of seventy-five. His widow was living in 1791. His children were, Huldah, who was of Boxford and unmarried in 1791; Mary, who married James Boynton, and lived across the street; Mercy, who died in 1753, at the age of twelve; Irene, who died in 1753, at the age of four; and David, who died in 1762 at the age of eight. Irene died the next day after Mercy. In 1791, the heirs sold this place to Joseph Hovey, and removed to Methuen.

Joseph Hovey was a son of Joseph and Rebecca (Stickney) Hovey, and was born at No. 255 in 1746. He married, in 1773, Mary Porter, who died in 1819. They had eight children, the youngest of whom, Thomas Stickney Hovey, born here in 1792, resided on the place. He was the father of Mr. Albert P. Hovey, and the last resident of this farm. Mr. Hovey's widow still resides in town. The house has been down for some ten years.

The Barker free school buildings were erected in 1888, and the two principals who have lived in the house have been Stephen Cutter Clark and N. B. Sargent.

290.

J. BOYNTON CELLAR.—On the opposite side of the road from No. 289 was an old cellar, over which stood the house in which resided James Boynton, who was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. He was a son of Nathan Boynton of what is now Georgetown, and was born there in 1739. He married Mary, daughter of David Wood of Boxford in 1763. They had five children. It is said that the musket he used on the day of his death is preserved in some museum. Of the house we know nothing more. Mr. Boynton's family removed to Methuen about 1780.

291.

RESIDENCE OF N. K. FOWLER.—The house of Mr. Na-



than K. Fowler was erected by a man named Chadwick about 17—. Before 1817 this place belonged to Moses Chadwick. The land, three acres, and buildings were set off to George H. Ingersoll of Charlestown, N. H., on an execution against Chadwick. He sold it to Daniel Adams, who lived at No. 239, in 1817. In 1823, Mr. Adams sold to Hannah Dale of Boxford, single woman.

William R. Kimball, Esq., owned and occupied this house many years previous to the death of his first wife, and made extensive repairs on it about 1850. Mr. Fowler has lived here many years.

292.

DR. FOSTER CELLAR.—A short distance north of the late residence of Mr. Albert P. Hovey is the site of the house of Dr. Benjamin Foster. Dr. Foster was born in Ipswich in 1700, being son of Benjamin and Ann Foster. His father was born in Ipswich in 1670, removed to Boxford from Topsfield in 1720, and had two children born here. Mr. Foster was a weaver by trade, and probably lived on this place. He removed to Billerica about 1729, and died at Lunenburg in 1735. Dr. Foster, the son, married Lydia Burbank in 1730, and by her he had several children, Caleb, Benjamin, Asa (these three, all they then had, died of the throat distemper in the fall of 1736, within a space of thirty-seven days, being aged five, three and one year respectively), Lydia, who married Jonathan Woodbury of Salem, N. H., in 1758, and Hannah, who died at the age of ten years. Jan. 17, 1760, his wife died of the small-pox; and he married, the following year, widow Sarah Low of Ipswich. He died, of the asthma, Dec. 19, 1775, at the age of seventy-five. Felt, in his History of Ipswich, says of him: "He had been in the practice of his profession over fifty years, was a distinguished botanist, and a successful and skillful physician."



The following obituary notice of Doctor Foster appeared in the *Essex Gazette*, in its issue of Jan. 18-25, 1776 :—

"*Ipswich*, Dec. 23, 1775. Last Tuesday evening died suddenly of an asthmatic complaint, and yesterday were decently interred the remains of, DR. BENJAMIN FOSTER. He seemed to be one of those geniuses designed by nature for the practice of the medical art. In this employment he signalized himself by his uncommon success, for upwards of fifty years. In consequence of his extensive skill in *Botany* he made use chiefly of the *Materia Medica* of our own climate. He had a comprehensive understanding of the animal economy; and had not only a thorough knowledge of the cause diagnosticks, and prognosticks of a distemper; and could accurately distinguish one disease from another; but was also most ready in his application of the most suitable and proper remedies; so that he was at once a most skillful, able, and successful physician; and the many feeble and infirm subjects in this and the neighbouring towns must sincerely lament his loss. He was upwards of 70 years of age."

Dr. Foster must have had a second son by the name of Benjamin, who survived him; as, April 21, 1777, Benjamin Foster of Boxford (who in his deed mentions no occupation), conveyed the homestead to Samuel Porter of Boxford, cordwainer, for £20. The description of the property, as given in the deed, is as follows: "bounded . . . beginning at the northeast corner of the Rev^d Mr Hales land thence running up the hill as the fence now stands on the side of the road to Deacon Chadwicks land, thence northwesterly on s^d Chadwicks line to the pond, thence northeasterly on the pond to Mr Hale's land & so on f^l Hales line as the fence now stands to the first mentioned bounds together with the house & barn now standing on s^d land containing about two acres & an half."

Mr. Porter sold the place the following year, for £60, to John Barker, 3d, of Andover, yeoman. In 1781, Mr. Barker sold out to Rev. Moses Hale who owned the adjoining homestead. The house and barn had probably been taken down by Mr. Barker, as they are mentioned in the deed to him, but in the deed he gives to Mr. Hale

no mention is made of them, and the consideration paid by Mr. Hale was only £13, 10s. The lot was afterward identified as a part of the homelot of Mr. Hale, who lived at No. 286.

293.

M. CHADWICK HOUSE.—The house vacated six years ago by Mr. Albert P. Hovey, near Mr. N. K. Fowler's, was a building used as a store by Benjamin Pearl, which stood where Mrs. William R. Cole's house now stands. It was eventually purchased by Moses Chadwick, then living at Mr. Fowler's house, who moved it to its present site, and modeled it into a house. Mr. Chadwick's widow afterward married — Turner, and died about 1853. Samuel Greenwood, who afterward lived there, made additions to the barn. Mr. N. K. Fowler and others, beside Mr. Hovey, also lived there.

294.

N. K. FOWLER'S TENEMENT HOUSE.—The building in which the free school was at first located was finished off for a house by Mr. N. K. Fowler, some eleven years ago, and we believe it had been used as a house in some stage of its existence.

295.

RESIDENCE OF C. E. PARK.—The residence of Rev. Calvin Emmonds Park was built by Mr. James Carleton for the Second parish in 1845. The L was afterward built by Clement & Abbott of Andover. The house was purchased the following year, and has since been occupied, by Mr. Park. He was a son of Rev. Calvin Park of Providence, R. I., where he was born in 1811, and was settled as colleague with Dr. Eaton in 1846, coming from a pastorate of six years at Waterville, Me. His son Charles is a clergyman,

and was for several years a missionary in India, being now settled in the ministry in Connecticut. Mr. Park resigned in 1859, but continued his residence here, teaching a private school. He is a brother of Professor Park of the Andover Theological Seminary.

296.

T. W. DUNN CELLAR.—About where the West-parish public library building stands were two buildings, one a dwelling-house, the other a blacksmith's shop. Moses Chadwick lived in the house, and worked at the trade of a blacksmith in the shop. He was a son of David and Sarah Chadwick, and was born in 1767. He married Sarah Sargent in 1789, and had five children, Mary, Sally, Dane, Permelia and Moses, who died in 1806. He sold his land, house, blacksmith's shop and his "trading shop," which stood on land of Moses Porter, in 1797, to Phineas Cole of Bradford. There was one acre of land. This afterward came into the possession of Benjamin Pearl, who built the residence of Mrs. Wm. R. Cole. Subsequently, the place was owned by Thomas W. Dunn. At last, some one set fire to the buildings, and they, with their contents, were totally destroyed.

297.

M. CHADWICK CELLAR.—At the east end of Mr. John I. Ladd's residence, near the highway, stood a two-story building, which was owned and occupied by Moses Chadwick, who had lived at No. 296. In a part of the house Mr. Chadwick kept a store. The store was afterward kept by Albert Hervev, and later by Stephen Peabody. It was subsequently owned by Ephraim Foster, who, at his death in 1835, gave the Foster school fund to the parish; and eventually came into the possession of Mrs. Hovey, the owner of No. 242, who took the building down in 1873.

298.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN CASS.—Mr. John Cass, who had been living at No. 162, built his present home in 1891. He is a son of Mr. Thomas Cass of Topsfield, and a farmer.

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